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PREFACE

THE political exigences of Henry VIII's breach with the Pope caused him to suppress the English monastic houses, with the twofold end of crushing that part of the body spiritual which was the strongest bulwark of papal power in England, and of obtaining lands to grant to the nobility, so that he might secure their favour and support. Begun in 1535 under the pretext of suppressing some of the lesser houses on account of their corruption, this policy of sacrilege went on until every religious house was gone; and in 1545 it was extended to colleges, chantries, and free chapels, although it seems that the seizure of the plate and ornaments of these latter did not take place until early in the reign of Edward VI. It is easy to see that this work of sacrilege and confiscation was not likely to stop short of the parish churches, and it began to be extended to them at the very beginning of the reign of Edward VI. Inquiries as to the goods of parish churches were made of the bishops in 1547, and early in 1549 a commission for making inventories was issued to sheriffs and justices of the peace. On March 3, 1551, it was ordered by the Privy Council "that for as muche as the Kinge's Majestie had neede presently of a masse of mooney, therefore Commissions shulde be addressed into all shires of Englande to take into the Kinges handes suche churche plate as remaineth, to be employed unto his hignes use."¹ This, however, was not done immediately. On January 29, 1552, a letter was addressed to each *custos rotulorum* requiring the delivery of the inventories which had been made under the commissions of 1549. A commission to make new inventories and stop all private embezzlement was issued on May 16, 1552;² and it was under this commission that most of the

¹ *Acts of the Privy Council of England*, N.S. iii (1550-52), p. 228.

² For full text see *The Edwardian Inventories for Bedfordshire*, Alcuin Club Collection vi, p. ix.

inventories now at the Public Record Office were taken, and the greater part of those printed in the present volume. A new commission was issued on January 16, 1553, directing the actual seizure of all the valuables, only the barest necessities being left for the use of each church.¹ The result of this was that the plate was sent to the Jewel House in the Tower of London, and melted down; the vestments and the inferior metal work were sold locally, the linen given to the poor. Thus the sacrilege was complete. The lead and bells do not seem to have been actually taken.²

A necessary accompaniment of this wholesale seizure of ecclesiastical property was, of course, the taking of careful inventories of it. A great number of these still remain, ranging in date from 1536—when those of the religious houses begin—until 1553, the date of the latest Edwardian returns for parish churches. This great series of sixteenth-century inventories, despite its shameful origin, is of the highest legal, historical, and liturgical importance. No other country can show the like. Notwithstanding their obvious value, little more than half the inventories have hitherto been printed; and some of these are in comparatively rare publications which are not easy of access.

Until all such inventories are printed accurately and published in an accessible way, it is impossible to form a just estimate of their contents, or to write a detailed history of the spoliation of our churches by Henry VIII and Edward VI, or indeed to deal properly with the subject of church furniture and ornaments in the sixteenth century in England as a whole. This the Alcuin Club intends to do as soon as it is practicable, but it is obviously impossible while so much of the material is lying scattered in manuscript at the Record Office. The committee, therefore, is

¹ This commission has often been printed. See *Seventh Report of the Deputy Keeper of the Public Records*, London, 1846, Appendix II, p. 307; or *Surtees Society*, vol. xcvi, p. 4; or *Book of Common Prayer, with Notes*, by A. J. Stephens, London, 1849, vol. i, p. 356; or *Church Goods in Berkshire*, by Walter Money, Oxford, 1879, p. xxxii.

² By far the best account of the spoliation at present available is that written by Mr. Page and prefixed to his invaluable book of *Inventories of Church Goods for the Counties of York, Durham, and Northumberland*, *Surtees Society*, vol. xcvi.

first addressing itself to the work of getting all the material transcribed, and printed in an accessible form. In some cases it is hoped that the inventories may be printed by local archaeological societies : where nothing else is possible the Club will endeavour to do it, but from the expensive character of the work it is doubtful how much will be able to be done unless financial help comes in from outside.

The Club has already printed the Edwardian Inventories for Bedfordshire, Huntingdonshire, and Buckinghamshire (Collections VI, VII, and IX). As a fourth instalment the Inventories for the city and county of Exeter are now published. These transcripts made by Miss B. F. Cresswell, of Exeter, have kept as closely as possible to the originals in spelling and abbreviations. She is also responsible for the Introduction. Miss Cresswell wishes to acknowledge the courtesy of the Town Clerk of Exeter, H. Lloyd Parry, Esq., in affording every facility for transcribing the Inventories and collating the proofs with the manuscripts. For the historical notes she is greatly indebted to *The Western Rebellion of 1549*, by Mrs. F. Rose-Troup.

Special thanks also are due to the Rev. G. O. Apthorp, M.A., Rector of Rewe, Exeter, for valuable assistance with the notes, and for his help in preparing this volume for the press.

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INTRODUCTION

AT the end of the fifteenth century the Church in England was rich in wealth, great in power, beautified by all the adornment art could devise; the end of the sixteenth century found her with scarcely anything she could call her own.

The final spoliation occurred after 1550, when Edward VI and his government, in debt to the amount of £200,000, or two millions of our present money, were devising every conceivable means of raising funds to pay off some of their liabilities. Among other resources they turned their attention to the valuables still in the possession of the Church.

Strype informs us: "for getting out of debt, for the gathering of a treasure, and getting a mass of money he (the king) devised this course, to gather and coin the church plate, for which there were soon after commissions issued out to persons of the chiefest eminency in the several counties, to take away and convert to the king's use all such plate as was more than necessary for the celebrating of the communion." The king himself wrote in his diary concerning the church plate, "that he thought that way best because it should make things to be looked for that else peradventure would be lost, as church plate, which as men said, was daily conveyed away."

In the Act Book, on March 3, 1550, we find: "this daie it was decreed that for as much as the king's majesty had need presently of a masse of mooney therefore commissions should be addressed unto all the shires of England to take into the king's hand all such church plate as remayneth to be employed unto his Highness' use."

The Exeter documents are of special interest, as nine only of the Inventories are to be found in the Public Record Office, all the others being preserved in the Guildhall, Exeter. The civic authorities seem to have thought it worth while to retain every scrap of paper relating to

the commission. We have in the volume now collected together not only the Interrogatories and the parchment Inventories signed by the bishop and commissioners, but the rough copies of the Inventories on paper signed by the churchwardens, and the actual lists of church goods that were handed in from each parish, which, as the replies to the Interrogatories inform us, had in most cases never been made before. These lists, in the handwritings of the churchwardens, with their erratic spelling, and often nearly illegible writing are really of greater interest than the formal draughts drawn up by the clerks of the commission. We see in them the earnest endeavours to include everything of value lest the parish should get into trouble with the authorities. In the parishes of All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, and St. Lawrence, "parcels of evidences" or documents relating to the landed property of the parish were included. A final item hastily put into the lists for the Cathedral was "a great desk of laton found in the dogg hold." Curious words and terms are used, and the spelling frequently indicates the broad Devonian dialect of the writers.

The manuscripts, comprising two paper volumes and a number of loose folios, came to light some years ago from a box found under the roof tiles of the Guildhall, where they had somewhat suffered from damp. The first book of eighteen folios contains the so-called Interrogatories, which are the churchwardens replies to the commissioners inquiries. These papers are in the worst condition of all the documents.

A second book of thirteen folios is entitled, "What the Commissioners at the Cathedral church of Exon found there." It contains, besides the inventory of the Cathedral goods, draught inventories of all the Exeter churches. These two books, with the rest of the folios, have been repaired and bound together. They comprise altogether about 160 documents.

The manuscripts are now fully transcribed for the first time: those relating to the Cathedral and six of the churches were published by the late Mr. W. Cotton in *Devon Notes and Gleanings* for 1890-92. He only printed the Interrogatory and the fair signed draft,

omitting the more interesting, but less legible, churchwardens' lists.

A list of the documents relating to each church is given at the beginning of each parish, but it has not been considered worth while to print them all, as so many are repetitions.

As already mentioned, the Interrogatories are placed separately from the Inventories in the Exeter MS., but in this volume it has been thought less confusing to place all the documents belonging to each parish together.

The actual questions put to the wardens do not seem to be recorded anywhere. Their tenour may be gathered from the replies. There were fourteen interrogatories, which, judging from the answers, seem to have repeated themselves — perhaps with the idea of catching some unwary churchwarden contradicting himself, by putting similar questions in different wording. They appear to have been as follows :

1. Can you affirm that this is a true inventory of your church goods ?
2. Have you any other inventory ?
3. What plate have you ?
4. What vestments have you ?
5. How many bells have you ?
6. From what evidence have you drawn up this inventory ?
7. Was there ever any other inventory ?
8. In what form were your church goods put into your charge ?
9. Has any one received any part of your church goods ?
10. Have any of them been removed ?
11. Has anything been sold ?
12. Have any of them been stolen ?
13. Are there fewer than formerly ?
14. What is the weight of your plate ?

Some knowledge of the local history of Exeter is necessary for understanding the allusions in the documents.

In the first place it must be remembered that Exeter enjoys the dignity of being a county in itself, and at the time of the Church Goods Commission this was a new

dignity which had been granted by a charter of Henry VIII in 1537, so the returns for the parish churches would not be included in those of Devonshire.

Four years before the commission, in 1549, the city endured a siege of about six weeks, when it resisted the insurgents who opposed the introduction of the First Prayer Book of Edward VI. This rising, usually known as "The Prayer Book Rebellion," is alluded to throughout the documents as "Ye comocion tyme," or "Ye late comocion." Nearly all the churchwardens, as will be seen, had experiences of the siege in connection with their church goods. Some of the valuables were sold for the relief of the poor, some for paying soldiers' wages. St. Sidwell's Church was practically sacked, apparently by those of the reformed party who were imprisoned there by the rebels, the church being outside the walls. In other cases valuables were stolen by the soldiery who came for the relief of the city with Lord John Russell and Sir Peter Carew. Under their command was a regiment of Walloons, doubtless accustomed to continental methods of warfare, in which friends were hardly less formidable than foes.

On January 29, 1551, were issued "Lettres to the *Custos Rotulorum* of every sheire to delyver unto the Commissioners hands in the same lettres such inventories as were before delyvered to their custody by others the King's Commissioners, of the plate, jewels, bells, and all things belonging to the parish churches within the same shiere." It would appear that the commission was not appointed for the Diocese of Exeter until somewhat later. In the Acts of the Privy Council (Vol. iv, p. 112) mention is made of a letter¹ sent from Tichfield, August 13, 1552, "To the Bisshop of Excestre and the rest of the commissioners for the survey of church plate there according to the minute."

Myles Coverdale had only been Bishop of Exeter for a year. He was consecrated on August 31, 1551, after the deprivation of his predecessor John Vesey,² who

¹ There is no trace of this letter in the Diocesan Registry at Exeter, nor any mention of the commission in Myles Coverdale's Register.

² From *Lives of the Bishops of Exeter* (Oliver) it seems probable that the deprivation was due to the ceremonial changes rather than the question of

entirely refused to acquiesce in the liturgical changes ; probably the survey of church plate could not be made until he was removed from the diocese. The commissioners were the Bishop, William Hurst, Mayor of Exeter, Richard Chudleigh, of Ashton, Sheriff of the county,¹ Sir Thomas Denys, Sir Peter Carew, and two Aldermen, Thomas Prestwood and John Midwinter. Of these the bishop acted with the mayor and aldermen for Exeter, the other commissioners undertaking the general survey of the county.

Another local matter of importance connected with the church goods was "ye bringing in of ye haven of Exe." This refers to the construction of the canal, for which an Act of Parliament was passed in 1540. Funds were, however, necessary for the work, and William Hurst, when mayor in 1551, conceived the idea of raising part of the sum by a loan of church plate contributed for the purpose by eight churches in the city—St. George, St. Mary Arches, St. Mary Major, St. Stephen, St. Pancras, St. Petrock, St. Olave, and St. Kerrian. We cannot avoid the impression that the mayor, a very shrewd man, foreseeing the probable spoliation of the churches, took the opportunity of appropriating some of the property to the use of the city before it was demanded by the king. The sum raised on the plate thus "borrowed" was £228. 12s. 4d., and the civic authorities got into considerable trouble over it. Rigid inquiries were made of every church that had advanced the loans, and the city was bound over to repay the sum if it was demanded by the royal authorities. The deed of obligation is included in this volume of Church Goods Inventories, and in order to make the history of the transaction complete the agreement between the city and the churches (Act Book 2, fol. 117) is also transcribed and printed here :

the papacy. We are told "on 14th August, 1551, Bishop Vesey was peremptorily enjoined by the Privy Council to surrender the See into the hands of his juvenile sovereign," possibly the final cause being his objection to the English Prayer Book.

¹ County of Devon, 1551. John Hurst (brother of William Hurst) was Sheriff of Exeter, 1551, but had nothing to do with the commission.

[(Act Book 2, fol. 117).]

An Acte made the xv die Decembris Anno Rg. E.
vi quinto.

plate given by several parishes within this city towards & for the haven or new work on ye river Exe.	William Hurst	Which wholly agree that they the war- dens w ^t the assent of the parishioners of Seynt George, Seynt Mary Arches, Seynt Mary the more, Seynt Stephyn Seynt Pancras Seynt Toliv, and Seynt Keryians, have geven to the use of the brynyng upp of the river of Exe all such parcells off plate as particularly asserted by the Indenture thereof made betweene the Cities and them ammounting in the hole the sum of vijcwt xlj unces iij quarters the which plate wee fully agree and by this present do hereby bargayne & sell unto John Bodley at the rate of v ^s ij ^d the unce which answereth to the sum of ccxxix ^l xj ^s ixd.
	John Tuckfeld	
	John Brytnall	
	William Buckenam	
	John Sulley	
	John Mydwynter	
	John Blackaller	
	Thomas Prestwode	
	John Hurst	
	William Smyth	
	John Whyte	
	Rob ^t Mydwynter	
	John Peryam	
	John Bodley	
	John Blackall	

Item whereas the wardeyns of Seynt petrocks by the assent of the
pishioners have lykewyse geven to the use of the citie a crosse of sylver all
gylted waying vij unces and a oyle fate ¹ of sylver and a challis of sylver
parcell gylt waying xliiij unces. Amo^t to the hole xlvj unces which was
fully agreed & by this present do hereby bargayne & sell unto William
Smyth the saide plate atte the rate of vs the unce one with the other & xvs
uppon the hole ammounting in the hole the sum of xxxvij^l payd to John
Mydwynter to make payment to the workmen of the haven which was
payd as appeareth by his acoompte.

Sum of the hole plate asserted amt } ccxxix^l xj^s ixd.
To the sum of ccxxvij^l xijs iiijd }

(Folio 35). Indenture requiring the mayor and cor-
poration to repay the king four hundred marks when
required, being the value of the plate contributed by the
parish churches towards the making of the haven of Exe.

Noverint universi presentes nos maiorem Ballivos civitatis Exonie necnon
communitatem eiusdem civitatis teneri et firmiter obligari illustrissimo
Domino nostro Edwardo sexto Dei gratia Anglie Francie et Hibernie regi
fidei defensori et in terra ecclesie Anglicane et Hibernie Supremo capiti
in quadragintis mercis bone et legalis monete Anglie solvendis eidem domino
regi heredibus vel executoribus suis ad quem quidem solutionem bene et
fideliter faciendam obligamus nos et quemlibet nostrum per se pro toto et
in solidum et successores nostros firmiter presentes sigillo nostro commune

¹ Oil-vat or stock for holy oil.

civitatis predictæ sigillatum. Datum quinto decimo die Junii anno regni domini regis predictæ septimo.

The condition of this present obligation is such, that whereas heretofore certyn plate and juells lately belonging to serteigne paryshe churches of the saide cittie of Exeter to the number of D. ccc lxxxj unce hath byn taken and ymploide by the maior of the saide cittie then beinge and his bretheren, without the commandment, commission, or warrant, of our saide Sovreynne lorde or of his honourable counsell in that behalf. Yt therefore the abovebounden maior bailiffes and com[mon]altie of the saide cittie nowe being and their successors be at all tymes hereafter answerable unto the our saide sovereyne lorde his heires and successores for the saide plate & juells and to hym or them doo make due and true recompence & satisfaction for the same, according to the value thereof, without coveyn or fraud, when they shall be thereunto required and commanded that then this obligation to be voyd and of none effect. Or ells to remayne and stand in full strength vertue and effecte.

This bond was eventually cancelled, but not before much negotiation between the civic authorities and the government, involving the mayor in a journey to London and putting the city to considerable expense.

Such uses for church goods were, however, common throughout the country. Among the returns for Devonshire in the Record Office (K.R. Church Goods ²/₇),¹ we learn that the parishes of East Devon contributed in a similar manner towards making the haven, or harbour of Ottermouth. And in the Acts of the Privy Council mention is made of a letter sent to the inhabitants of Sandwich declaring "that the King's Majesty is contented to give them the church plate upon condicion that they shall emploie the same on the amending of their haven to bring the same to perfection" (vol. iii, p. 104).

Although we may feel ourselves justified in expressing indignation at this wholesale appropriation of Church property for the king's use, we cannot read these documents without perceiving that such church goods were regarded by all concerned as intended for parochial needs on special occasions. Churches were treasure houses wherein the parishioners had laid up a store of precious metals and costly draperies, not merely for ceremonial purposes, but representing local funds ready for local emergencies.

¹ Transcribed by B. F. Cresswell, and printed in the *Transactions of the Devon Association*, vol. xliii (1911).

In 1546 All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, sold a cross and chalice in order to build the church a tower. St. Olave's made use of plate to get a font, a reading desk, and a pulpit; and to defray the cost of painting texts on the church walls.

The request of the city for contributions of plate towards the expenses of the canal works was readily complied with, and no surprise seems to have been expressed at the demand.

We question whether much surprise or indignation was expressed at the demands of the commissioners, but after the business was finished the churches must have felt poor indeed, robbed of all that was of intrinsic value, and left with what was but barely sufficient for the "necessary mynistracions."

It is interesting to note what they considered indispensable. One bell; a chalice, in some cases the best, where there were more than two, usually the second best. A font cloth, because it was then the custom to keep the consecrated water in the font, with a cloth over it to keep it clean.¹

The retention in so many cases of cushions shows that the custom of a "cushion on the altar," as a book-rest, sometimes still seen in old churches, was a pre-Reformation arrangement. A pall was kept to cover the corpse, and for this purpose the best was left; only the rich were then buried in coffins, and the poor man brought into church wrapped in his shroud must needs be decently laid under a "fayre pall."

Old surplices, and now and then a rochet or two, replaced the former gorgeous vestments of "cloth of tissue" (most valuable of all woven materials), of satin from Bruges, of silk and damask brocade. In exchange for the beauty of holiness, the church was left clad in the rags of humiliation.

¹ cf. a direction in the Sarum Manual with regard to fonts—"linthiamine mundo co-operiantur." The retention of the font cloth is very interesting. It was in use until almost our own day in Exmoor, at East Luccombe in Somerset, at Lynton, and elsewhere. Mr. Eeles has gone into the question in his *Edwardian Inventories for Buckinghamshire*, pp. xliii-xlv. It would seem as if in the West of England, just as the altar cloth was retained, so was the font cloth, in spite of the change of rite and ceremony.

THE EDWARDIAN INVENTORIES FOR THE CITY AND COUNTY OF EXETER

Exeter Cathedral.

THE cathedral church of Exeter was enormously rich, yet this inventory includes less than what may be found in that of many a big parish church. Compare the list with those of Canterbury or Lincoln at much earlier dates, or with the contents of some of the London churches. It is more than evident that before this inventory was taken there must have been a very drastic clearance of the ornaments and vestments.¹

The same may have been the case to a much lesser extent with some of the parish churches. But the Exeter city churches were mostly small, and many of them no doubt never possessed very much. On the whole the parish inventories seem to be fairly complete, and they are fuller than many Edwardian inventories. But as in the case of other documents of the kind, a good deal of allowance has to be made for hiding and embezzlement, and, in the case of the Exeter churches, the "commotion" may have been responsible for more than appears at first sight. For this reason an analysis of the number of vestments of different colours is not likely to be of much use, and its value would be further diminished by the fact that in so many cases "old" vestments are mentioned without the colour being specified. Roughly speaking the proportions seem to be about as usual—if anything there is an excess of white and green, and there is a distinct preponderance of yellow in the altar curtains. A very notable thing is that ornaments called purple in one list are called blue in

¹ *Lives of the Bishops of Exeter, and a History of the Cathedral; with an Illustrative Appendix.* By the Rev. George Oliver, D.D. Exeter, 1861. In this book will be found an inventory of the Cathedral of 1277 (p. 297), a very full one of 1327 (p. 301), and another very full list of 1506 (p. 320).

another, showing that at this time, in the west of England, the word *purple* was used to describe a colour that must certainly have been more blue than red. Earlier, the word was used of a rich dark red. The inventories show that *sawny* was distinct from yellow. And vestments are called crimson in one list and red in another.

The proportion of *silver* censers, ships, and paxes is high. Elsewhere, two censers of latten would be more usual. The proportion of ships, burses, and altar-curtains is high, of candlesticks low. Torches held in the hand, candles placed on curtain-rods, and similar expedients must have been common. There is a remarkable number of surplices and rochets. These were often private property and not included in church lists, but in Exeter the churches seem to have owned a good proportion of them, and rochets must have been practically universal for the clerks. I have referred to some other points in the notes.

The Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral do not seem to have been submitted to any interrogatories, but the following Citation¹ was addressed to them by the Bishop.

After Or hartie commendacions this shalbe to requyre yo^u that yo^u and ev'ry of yo^u appere before us at the Bysshops palace wthin this citie of Exon the morrow upon Michaelmasse Daie next co'mi'ge, wch shalbe the last Daie of September, there to answeare to suche dema'ds and questions co'cerni'ge the jewells, plate and other ornaments of yo^r Cathedrall church as by the King's ma^{ty} comission unto us directed apertaineth and this faile yo^u not to do as ye will answeare to the co'trarie. This hartelie fare yo^u welle, the xxixth daie of August Ao 1552.

Yo^r lovinge Frends

Myles Exon

Willm Hurst

P. Carew²

Thos Denys³

John Mydwynter.

¹ Printed in Oliver's *Lives of the Bishops of Exeter*, p. 320.

² Sir Peter Carew, who, with his brother, Sir Gawen Carew, had been chiefly instrumental in putting down the Western Rising in 1549.

³ Sir Thomas Denys had been Sheriff of Devon in 1531, and helped the Carews to repress the Rebellion of 1549.

To the right worshipfull Mr George Carew Chaunter
of the Cathedrall Church of Exet^r and to all other his
bretherin Residentiaries of the same.

(22) What the Commissioners at the View of the Cath :
Church goods of Exon have found there.

viii belles in one tow ^r namelie yse		
Bishop Graundsons bell	1 xlc	
Bp Staffords bell	2 xxxc	
Trynitie bell	3 xxviijc	
Magdalene bell	4 xxviijc	waight
Domme bell	5 xxviijc	by
The sixte bell	6 xixc	estimacion.
The Maior bell	7 xvijc	
The eight	8 xc	

Suma xix^m vjc waight.

Item v belles remayning in anoy^r tow^r.

The first called ye clock bell	1 xxxviijc	
The second	2 viijc	waight
The thirde	3 vjc	by
The fourth	4 vc	estimacion.
The fifth	5 iiijc	

Suma vi^m and one hundreth waight.

Suma totalis of all ye whole waight of ye belles in ye
two towrs xxv thousand and seven hundreth waight.

. . . 4 yse belles it is necessary yt ye great Graundsons
bell remayne to tolle the sermon. Item ye clocke bell,
and one to ryng to dailie vyse.¹

It is worth while to observe here the absence of the name
of "Peter Bell," now universally applied to the clock bell,
"Great Peter," in the north tower. In the above list
Graundsons—that is, Grandison's bell—is reckoned as the
largest in the peal, being two hundred weight heavier than
the clock bell.

Risdon, writing in Elizabeth's reign, says, "In this
church," (*the Cathedral*) "there are two very fine towers.
In that on the north was lately a cage of four small broken

¹ [ser]vyse ?

bells, as also a clock bell called Peter's¹ Bell, weighing 6,100 weight, with a very fair clock and dial. On the south side standeth the other tower, in which be eight bells serving for daily use, which were escheated with all the church goods in the sixth year of Edward the sixth, by commission and commandment then given to the treasurer of the church, for answering the same at all demands" (*Survey of Devon*, p. 108).

Oliver, describing the Fabric Rolls, remarks, "In these Fabric Rolls occur several bells: one called the Walter, from its donor, Bishop Walter Bronescombe; another, Germaneyn, probably from Ralph Germain, precentor of the Cathedral from 1308 to 1316. Four bells hung in the north tower. One was named Bokerel, (*Buckerel*) another Chauncellor, another St. Mary, and the fourth appears to have been called Peter, which was recast 'de novo facta' in 1330, but is not to be confounded with the supposed gift of Bishop Peter Courtenay before his translation to the See of Winchester in 1487. In the south tower hung the Jesus Bell, the Grandisson, the Trinity, the Bracton, the Cobthorne, the Stafford, and some others, whose names we are unable to recover. All have been recast, but none of the present ring of ten bells in the south tower, the grandest in England, bears a date before the year 1630. As for the great Courtenay bell in the north tower, it was recast in 1676. We regret that when the bells were recast no copies were taken of the inscriptions on them" (Oliver's *Lives of the Bishops of Exeter*, p. 187).

The name of Grandisson's bell is still given to the largest bell in the south tower; all of these were re-hung in 1902.

(23) Plate remayning in ye custodie of Mr Thomas Sotherne Treasurer.²

Itm a chalice silver and gilt wt ye paten xxxj uns.

Itm a pott of silver to sett wyne in 3 xxxiiij unces.

¹ Ellacombe, in *Church Bells of Devon*, observes that there were two *Peter* bells, and suggests that the first was named after Bishop Peter Quivil.

² Thomas Southerne was collated May 8, 1531, and died in 1557. He resisted all innovations of ceremonial as much as he could.

³ Perhaps a large silver vessel provided since the chalice was restored to the laity in 1548.

Itm ij crewetts of silver gylte xx uns. scant.
 Itm j sconce of silver xxij uns scant.
 Itm j yron rod covered wt silver iij uns by estimacion.
 Itm anoyr rod remayneth wt ye Bysshop of like waight
 by estimacion.

Plate in ye exchequer.

Itm ij chalices silver and gilt xxxviiij uns.

Itm ij silver censors lxiiij uns.

Itm one staff for ye principal rector half silver and gilt.

Itm ij oyr¹ rectors staves half covered wt silver all three
 staves wayeng by estimacion 1c uns and more.

Itm j silver shippe wt a spone xx uns.

Itm j silver basen² xl uns.

Itm ano^r basen of silver xxxvj uns.

Itm a crosse wt ye crucifix silver and gilt lxxviiij uns.

Itm anor crosse like to ye same lxxviiij uns.

Itm a holie water bucket lxxxx uns.

Itm a spryngle xj uns.

Itm ij candlesticks silver and gilt ij uns good.

Itm ij crosses staves wayeng by estimacion vij uns of
 silver besides ye timber within.

All ye afore saide plate remayneth in the custody of ye
 saide Mr Sotherne.

Suma ixc xxxvj uns.

Beside ye saide plate there be yet remayning also to serve
 ye Cath Church iij chalices one weyeng xxxj uns, ye oy^r two
 xxxviiij uns, wch chalices are allwaie forthcoming when ye
 higher powers shall command ye saide Thomas to make
 delyvry of them.

Vestiments in the lower vestry under ye custodie of ye
 saide Mr T. Sotherne.

Itm a white cope of Tyssue.³

Itm a cope of whyte damaske wt egles.⁴

Itm a whyte cope wt branches and armes in ye orphraes.

Itm a cope of reed velvet wt egles.

¹ "Oyr" means "other." The *rectores chori* or rulers of the choir used
 to hold staves or wands as a badge of office, and carried them in proces-
 sions.

² Probably used for washing hands at the altar.

³ This on a duplicate list is marked "reserved for the King."

⁴ Priced in the duplicate xls.

Itm xiiij olde copes of reed silke.
 Itm xx olde whyte copes whereof xv be sylke.
 Itm iiij old murrey copes.
 Itm viij oyr coarse copes of dyverse colors.
 Itm vj olde grene copes.
 Itm xv olde yalow copes.
 Itm xiiij olde whyte lytle copes for corusters.
 Itm xiiij grene copes of bridge¹ satyn for corusters.
 In the High Vestrye under the custodie of ye saide
 Mr T. Sothern.
 Itm Peter's cope of nedle worke wt iij bigg buttons silver
 and gilt and ten o[the]r small buttons of silver and gilt.
 Itm ano^r cope like unto the same without buttons.
 Itm j cope of cloth of Tyssue.
 Itm iiij reed copes of cloth of Tyssue.
 Itm j cope of blew tynsell als baldkin.²
 Itm ij copes of blew tyssue.
 Itm j cope of blew velvet wt armes like pliame^t Robes.³
 Itm x white silken copes.
 Itm ij white copes of silke wt birds.
 Itm iiij white copes of silk wt starres.
 Itm i grene cope of silke wt birds.
 Itm xj olde copes called reed palles.⁴
 Itm v old blew copes of silk.
 Itm iiij old copes called murreys.
 Itm xxij old copes of one sute called helmetts.
 Itm a sute⁵ of blew tissue w^t appurtenances.
 Itm anor sute of blew tynsell als baldkin.⁶
 Itm ano^r sute of blew velvet.
 Itm ij sutes of reed tyssue.
 Itm anor sute of courser reed tyssue.

¹ Bridge, brydge, brydges = Bruges.

² Priced xls. The material was a kind of cloth of gold.

³ Parliament robes, in duplicate list. This may mean with sleeved openings for the arms, such as Parliament robes had.

⁴ "Reed palles." It is difficult to guess why this word is used for copes. *Pallium* is indeed sometimes so used in Latin, but this hardly explains the expression here.

⁵ A "sute" generally meant the vestments of the celebrant, deacon, and subdeacon, including chasuble, stole, maniple, dalmatic, and tunicle, and apparels for the albs and amices.

⁶ Price xlvjs viijd.

Itm ij sutes of whyte damaske ye one wt egles ye or wt Jesus.¹

Itm a sute of yalow wt spanges² xx silver and gilt and small perles upon ye chesuble.

Itm j sute of reed velvet lyned wt silk.

Itm j sute of white silke wt branches of trees.

Itm j sute of old fustian copes wt apes.³

Itm one old sute of reed wt birds.

Itm j sute of reed silke wt keys.

Itm xxij albes Itm vj pullies.⁴

Itm one fayre front of reed cloth of tyssue for ye high altar.

Itm j altar cloth wt ye front of reed silke and ymages of ye xij Apostles and ye frontall.

Itm j front and frontall of grene silke wt half dogges.

Itm j altar cloth of reed wt ye front and frontall & wt helmetts.

Itm anor reed front and frontall wt keyes & swords.⁵

Itm anor of reed wt B. Graundsons armes.⁶

¹ "With Jesus" means powdered with the Holy Name or perhaps i h c as a conventional device. These two suites are marked "al ys worth [= all this worth.] iiiijli xiijs iiiij."

² "Spanges," spangles of gold and silver embroidered upon the vestments of the suit.

³ Animals of all kinds are described as worked on the mediaeval vestments. Thus Bp. Brewer, *circa* 1240, gave to the Cathedral vestments embroidered with dragons, elephants, eagles, lions, "et aliis animalibus."

⁴ These were the girdles of the albs.

⁵ Keys and swords, the emblems of St. Peter and St. Paul; the altar-frontals were no doubt used on their festivals.

⁶ Bishop Grandisson's arms. In *Devon Notes and Queries*, vol. v, p. 39, an article is reprinted from the *Guardian* of Jan. 22, 1908, by Miss Edith Pycroft, giving an account of a vestment now preserved in the sacristy of the Matriz of Ponta Delgada, in the Island of St. Michael, Azores, upon which are the arms of Bishop Grandisson. A chasuble thus ornamented is mentioned in the inventory of 1506, "*i cassula de panno aureo rubro cum armis Regis et Johannis de Grandissono in le orfrey.*" This was, no doubt, one of the vestments bequeathed by the Bishop to the Cathedral, and the above-mentioned altar-frontal may be another. The royal arms are also upon the work at Ponta Delgada, thus identifying the vestment as the chasuble above described. The work has been remounted on a dalmatic. How the vestment reached the Azores will never be known, but we may feel sure that it was one which disappeared from the Cathedral at the time of spoliation to which these inventories belong. Grandisson was Bishop of Exeter from 1327 to 1369: he completed the west end of the Cathedral, where he was buried in the chapel of St. Radegund. His tomb was

- Itm a blak front and frontal.
 Item iiij other white short syde altar clothes.
 Itm j old pare of reed.
 Itm iiij old altar clothes for ye communyon table.¹
 Itm iij banners of sylke.²

violated and his ashes scattered. His armorial bearings may yet be seen on the bosses of the roof in the nave of the Cathedral, his vestment has found its way to the Azores, which was not included in the habitable globe of his time, and his name remains as one of the most notable in the history of the diocese of Exeter. It should be observed that in these lists the terms altar front and frontal and altar cloth refer to distinctly different things: the front and frontal being the coloured draperies decorating the altar, and the cloth the "fair linen cloth" used for the Communion. The latter was retained for the use of the church, while the coloured frontals of silks and embroideries were sold and often put to secular use.

¹ This expression seems to imply that these were linen cloths for the surface of the altar, and that they were still in use under the First Prayer Book.

² After the above item the duplicate list is as follows, it contains altogether seventy-five items numbered.

- liij Itm vij old sutes of vestiments of diverse colors.
 liij Itm x old tunicals for chorusters of sondray colors.
 liiij Itm iiij payre of organnes.
 lv Itm a great deske of latton wt a spred egle of ijc waight by estimacion.
 lvj Itm a carpet of arras.
 lvij Itm vj old great curtaynes that were wont to hang in the quyre in lent.*
 lvij Itm an yron chayre.
 lix Itm ij pere of verry grett latton candlesticks† waying by estimacion fyve hundred waight.
 lx Itm iiij holy water bucketts of brass that is to say ij greater and ij small ic waight.
 lxi Itm lxiiij grates of yron.
 lxij Itm ix pillers of yron beside those that lie under the grates wt other smaller pieces.
 lxiiij Itm cyrcles of yron pertaining about the lampes.
 lxiiij Item x fyre tongs.
 lxv Itm v white copes of bridge satten.
 lxvj Itm v old copes for choristers.

* This refers to the ancient custom of hanging a large veil right across the chancel during Lent, generally of some plain material such as linen, canvas, or fustian. According to the Sarum books it was to be allowed to fall at the words "the veil of the Temple was rent in twain" in Holy Week.

† "Verry grett latton candlesticks." Evidently a case where they had *four* instead of the more usual two on the pavement before the altar. Other instances of this are known: see paper by E. G. Cuthbert Atchley in *Some Principles and Services of the Prayer Book*, ed. J. W. Legg.

Itm iiij carpetts j old great one and iij small.

Itm iiij grene clothes aboute ye quere and j in ye Deanes seat.

Itm ij reed clothes of arras for ye quere & j litel one for ye Deane's seat.

Itm iij quysshins of reed damaske.

Itm ij quysshins of white tyssue.

Itm ii grene quysshins of arras.

Itm vj old sutes of vestiments of sondrie colors and small estymacyon.

Itm x old tunicals for chorusters of diverse colors litel worth.

Itm ij pare of organys in ye quere one great ye o^r small.

Itm in o^r ladies chapel ij pare of organes j greater ye o^r lesse.

Itm a great dexte¹ of laton wt a spred egle.

Ag[ree]d yt yn yis Inventory by taking of ye view we have more than was tolde in before by ye Inventory yt was brought in as namely :—

ij pares of organes. j great laton dexte. j bell.

j unce of silver in ye ship.

ye certaintie of xxvij unces of silver in ye ij crosses staves.

ye certaintie of more than c unces in ye rector staves.

Itm vj copes. The certaintie of xx spanges silver & gilt

lxvij Itm a sute of white damaske.

lxviij Itm another sute of white damaske wt redd velvett, this came out of the ladie chapel.

lxix Itm another sute of white damske wt cloth of tissue wt the albes.

lxx Itm a vestiment of redd damaske with grene bridge satten & wt the albe.

lxxj Itm an old vestiment wt the albe.

lxxij Item iij hangings for the aulter of white silke.

lxxiij Item ij latton candlestickes by estimacion c. waight.

lxxiiij Item x grates of yron and other old byttes of yron by estimacion one ton of yron.

lxxv Item a great deske of latton that was wont to stand in the quyre waying iij cwt by estimacion which we funde last in the dogge hold.*

¹ A desk or lectern.

* The "dogge hold" cannot be identified. The present room over the north porch is still known as the "dog-whipper's room," but the dogge hold suggests some place where stray dogs were impounded, perhaps during divine service.

upon a vestiment. Itm iij albes. vj old sutes of vestiments of sondraie colorys x old tunycles for chorusters.

Itm xxxvij unces of silver in ye candlesticks.

All Hallows Goldsmith Street.

DOCUMENTS. The Interrogatory (No. 3. 6) Small parchment inventory of plate. (4. 36) Long inventory on parchment, very illegible. (5. 37) The same on paper (6. 38) Imperfect inventory (7. 39) Rough draft (8. 41) Fair copy, signed by the Bishop and Commissioners. (9. 42).

All Hallows in Goldsmyth Strete.

INTERROGATORY. The daie and year above saide came before the Comissioners Geffray Arundel and Richard Prestwood church wardeyns of ye parishe of all Saintes in Goldsmythe strete w^m ye citie and countie of Exon bringing in their Inventory and answering to the Interrogatories in man^r folowing.

1, 2, To the first and second int'rogatory thei depose that this which thei bring in is a true inventory Never the less with this thei present other two Inventories the one made in the thirde year of ye Kings maties that now is, and the other made xvi yeares agoo, and their desyre is yt oth^r wardeyns also may be examyned.

3 To this thei depose yt thei have no more plate but one sylver chalice of xj unces.

4 To thys thei answer yt in the inventory w^{ch} thei bring in it appeareth severally what vestiments thei have.

5. To this thei saye yt thei have thre belles.

6, 7, 8, 9 To these thei depose yt as thei bring in here with this their Inventory two other indented so know thei of none other save onlie of the same.

10, 11, 12, 13, 14. To this thei saie yt at ye comocion tyme there was in ye church another chalice but ye same

was sold to Thomas Richardson Apothecary to paye the souldyers wages when the citie was beseiged. As for ye crosse thei depose yt it was sold to William Smyth Goldsmyth, and so was another chalice for ye making up of ye tow^r or steeple of the church which is six years agoo. And as touching the censer of silver and the shippes and spoone ye same was sold to one James Goldsmith of Bristow by Jhon Norbroke¹ then church wardene, and in the thyrd year of ye raigne of the Kinges Ma^{ty} yt now is to make foure pews² or seats in the church as apeareth by the accounte. So yt yr remaineth but one chalice waying xj unces and o[the]r vestiments and implements as apeareth by ye Inventory.

(36) A small parchment inventory of plate, marked in modern handwriting in pencil "28 Henry viii." (1537) This is no doubt the inventory made "sixteen years ago" referred to by the church wardens.

Juels delivryed unto Geoffrie Holmes warden of all hallows.

Imprimis a crosse of sylver and gylte w^{out} Mary & John³ waying ffourten unces & halfe.

Item one chalyce of sylver gylt waying xix unces & halfe.

Item A nother chalys of sylver & gylt w^e John Nichols gave unto the church waying xv unces and halfe.

Item A nother chalyce of sylver parcels gylte waying xj unces.

Item A censer of sylver parcels gylte waying xix unces & halfe.

Item A shippe⁴ and a lytle spone of sylver parcel gylte waying v unces & halfe.

¹ Of John Northbrook, Hoker relates that, in 1539, he falsely accused his friend John Bonyfont of high treason, from a desire to acquire his house, with the result that the latter was condemned and hanged, while Northbrook obtained the house but lived in great infamy all his days.

² Note the mediaeval use of the word pew for seat.

³ "Without Mary & John" indicates that, like many crosses, this one had little branches on it for figures of saints that had been lost.

⁴ Shippe, this vessel contained the incense for putting into the censer. It was boat-shaped, hence the name. We retain the same idea in modern everyday parlance when we speak of a "sauce-boat."

Item A pax of ivorie & the silver that is about hym
iv unces & halfe.

(37) A parchment inventory difficult to decipher, no doubt the one referred to by the churchwardens as having been made in the third year of Edward the sixth, 1550. This is followed by No. 38 which is the same list in another handwriting and on paper; it is a great help in reading the parchment, but unfortunately does not include some of the most illegible items. A short rough list of vestments No. 7 39 follows, but it is merely an odd note of the same things.

The inventory indented of the goods & ornaments appertayning to the pyshe churche of All halows in Goldsmyth Strete wⁿ the cite and countie of Exetter as hereafter folowyth.

Item x pr^{cells} of evydences of the lands of Sent Mary Downe.¹

Item xij pr^{cells} of evydences of the lands of Tyngmouth.

Item ffyve payres of vestiments of Whyte W^t albes & tenacles.²

Item a cope of Sylke.

Item a palle to caste appone a corpse.

Item a yellowe cusshynge of Satyn of Bryge.

Item v corporas & iiij corpores kerchiefs.³

Item ij canopies.⁴

Item ij hanging Aulter clothes of sattyn of Brydge the colors of redde and blewe.

Item ij other hanging Aulter clothes the color of white and greene of Sattyn of Bryge.

Item a nother Aulter clothe of sattyn of Bryge of the colorys of yellowe and white.

¹ The parish of Down St. Mary in the Deanery of Cadbury, Devon.

² Tunicles for the deacon and subdeacon.

³ The corporas here would be a burse and the kerchiefs the linen cloths.

⁴ One of yellow and the other of reed sylke in the duplicate list. These canopies probably hung over the pix in which the Blessed Sacrament was reserved.

Item a superaulter ¹ cloth of Salutayon of Our Lady of blewe sattyn of bryge.

Item another superaulter cloth of whyte & yellow sattyn of Bryge.

Item one baner cloth of grene sarssenet of the Trynytie.

Item a nother baner cloth of Sylke.

Item xij aulter cloths of lynnene cloth.

Item viij toweles of lynnynge.²

Item j ffonte cloth of lynnynge.

Item a Dyaper cloth.

Item a dyaper towel.

Item iij surples for the pryst.

Item j surples for the clarke.

Item ij of Sylke at the Aulter . . . of Sarsnett.

Item a lent cloth blewe and whyte to hang in the chancel.

Item ij boxes of Tymber to put the corporas cases in.

Item j baner staff gylte.

Item a pax of Iverye.³

Item ij Holy watter bokets of brasse.

Item one begge sanctus belle of brasse wayng iij⁴.

Item ij sacring bells of laten.

Item ij bears ⁴ for corpses and ij coverings to the same of tymber.

Item one bege ⁵ coffer in the belfry.

Item ij long fformes in the belfrye.

Item j crosse of laten.

Item ij rodes ⁶ of Yron at the Aulters ende.

Item a great chest in the rude lofte.

Item an olde sylke pyllowe supra the aulter.

Item a boke called the bybel.

Item a nother boke called the paraphrase of Erasmus.

Item a boke called the omylye.

Item a boke of the commyon.⁷

¹ "Superaulter cloth" means the upper frontal, a low dorsal hanging immediately behind the altar, taking the place of, or sometimes used as well as, the reredos.

² These towels were for washing the priest's hands at Mass.

³ The instrument used for giving the ceremonial kiss of peace at Mass.

⁴ Biers. ⁵ Big.

⁶ These were the rods to carry the riddels on.

⁷ "Commyon," a contraction for Communion. Probably Communion book here was the Book of Common Prayer.

Item a chales and a paten of sylver gylte waying xv unces & halfe.

Item a nother chalice and a paten of sylver parcel gylte waying xj unces.

Item ij candelstykes of laten.

Item a deske of Yron for the bybel.

Item a deske of tymber for the boke of the comunyon.

Item ij cruetts of tynne.

No. 38 commences—Th' inventorie of the juells ornaments & other goods apperteynyng to the church of alhalowes in Goldsmyth Strete in Exeter taken the xvij of July 1552, and in the vj yere of the Raigne of o^r Sovering lord King Edward the sixth.

The items are those in the previous list, No. 37, and therefore are not printed ; the date is of interest.

(42) INVENTORY FAIR COPY. The dewe & iust inventorye of ye goods juells plate vestm^{ts} belles and ornaments of the church of All Hallows in Goldsmith Strete within the cittie & countie of Exeter indented and made upon the view and survey of the Right Reverend father in Godd Myles busshop of Exeter, William Hurst, Thomas Prestwood & John Midwynter aldermen of the said citties by vertue of commision of o^r most dradd sovraign lorde king Edward ye sixte to them and others in that behalf directed in the sixt year of his mat^{ies} most psp^{rs} rayne.

Imprimis twoo bells $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1 \\ 2 \end{array} \right.$ waying $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} iijct \\ ijct \end{array} \right.$ Sum of waight by estimacion.

Ornaments.

Item twoo kercheifs w^t five corporas cases of silke & velvet.

Item a short front of brydge sattyn for a litle table.

Item a vestiment of redd brydge sattyn w^t the appurtenances.

Item a vestiment of blue Damaske w^t the appurtenances.

Item a redd silke vestiment w^t the albe.

Item a front of white & grene bridge silke.

Item an olde vestiment of Dormysk ¹ w^t the albe.

Item an other front of white & grene silke.

Item a front of redd and blue.

Item a cope of redd silke.

Item ij banners of silke.

Item a surpless for the clarke.

Item a whyte lynnyn albe w^{tout} vestiment.

Item too canapies one of threde the other of redd silke.

Item eight towels of lynnyn and one of dia^{pr}.

Item twoo fount clothes.

Item other table clothes of lynnyn.

No^t that ov^r & besides the above mentioned ornaments we have left in the said pish churche of allhallows for the necessarie mynistracions thereof thies prcells folowinge namely one bel of iiij ct wayght by estymacion item one sylver chalys p^rcell gilt of xj unce it^m a cushyn it^m an olde pall it^m three surplesse it^m five table clothys of lynnyn & one of diaper.

Myles Exon.
William Hurst.

Thomas Prestwode.
John Mydwynter.

All Hallows on the walls.

DOCUMENTS. The Interrogatory (15) partly torn. Rough draft of Inventory (11, 45) fair copy of the same.

INTERROGATORY. The daie and yeare above saide Christopher Barden and Thomas Wade ye parishe of All Hallows upon the citie and countie of Exester bring Inventory and answering to ye Interrogatories vt sequentur.

1, 2; To the first and second Interrogatory thei depose yt thei have none other Inventory but this, and yt thei never heard of other, and yt thei caused to be made before the parishe on Sondaie ye 17 of July A^o 1552.

3 To the thirde thei saye yt thei have two chalices ye

¹ A coarse damask.

best waying xvij unces gilt, the other ten unces parcel gilt and there is all the plate thei have.

4, 5, To ye fourthe and fifthe thei saye yt thei have no more vestiments and bells than appeareth in ye Inventory.

6, 7, 8, 9, To these thei answer yt yr was none other Inventory heretofore but yt only by credit were ye church goods delyvered from one warden to another.

10, 11, 12, 13, To this thei depose yt thei have no church goods remayning in other mens hands.

14, To this thei saye thei can make none other answer but as thei did to the thirde interrogatory.

(12 47) INVENTORY FAIR COPY. The dewe and iust inventory of the goods, juels plate vestiemnts belles & ornaments of the church of All Hallows upon the wall of the cittie of Exester, indented and made upon the view and survey of the Right Revd Father in Godd Myles Bishop of Excester, William Hurst, Thomas Prestwood, and John Mydwynter aldermen of the saide cittie, by vertue of comyssion of our most dradd Sovrayne Lord King Edward ye Sixth to them and others in their behalf dyrected in the sixth year of his Ma^{ties} most prosperous Raigne.

Imprimis too bells $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1 \\ 2 \end{array} \right.$ waying $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{iiij} \frac{1}{2} \\ \text{ij} \frac{1}{2} \end{array} \right.$ } Sm viij^c waight by estimacion.

Plate.

Paten and chalice parcel gilt x unces and a halfe.¹

Vestiments and other things.

Item A cope of crymzin velvet.

Item an old vestiment of blew.

Item an old cope of tawny silk.

Item a vestiment of yalow bridge satyn w^t an albe.

¹ In the rough draft the gilt chalice and paten are included as weighing xvij ounces. Of these the chalice was kept for the church, but the paten is not mentioned. The cushion of blue satin is in the rough draft, and the list concludes with the seven table clothes, a surplice, and a rochet erased, and marked as kept for the church.

Item 4 fronts of bridge satyn.

Item five corporas cases w^t six kerchiefs.

Item a vestiment of whyte bridge satyn w^t ye albe.

Note that over and besides the saide ornaments we have left in the above saide church of All Hallows these thynges following, that is to saye a bell in the steeple of v cwt by estymacion, a chalice of silver gilt waying xvij unces, a cussbyn, vij table clothes & a surples.

Myles Exon. William Hurst. Thomas Prestwood.
John Midwinter.

St Davyd's Downe.

DOCUMENTS. The Interrogatory (12^a) An inventory of goods (48) Rough draft of Inventory (51) Fair copy of the same signed by the Bishop and Commissioners.

INTERROGATORY. and yeare above saide came before the Comissioners Jhon Roo and Thomas Geffray churchwardens of ye Paryshe of St Davyd's Downe without the north gate of the citie, and w^{thn} ye countie of Exon, bringing in their Inventory and answering to ye Int'rogatories as foloweth.

1 To the first thei saye yt this which thei bring in is trew Inventory.

2 To this thei saye yt as for other Inventory thei have none.

3 To this thei depose yt thei have no more plate save onlie one chalice of xiiij unces parcell gilt.

4, 5, To ye fourth and fifth thei saye yt in ye Inventory yt appeareth what vestiments and bells thei have.

6, 7, 8, 9, To theise thei answer yt yr man^r is not to have an Inventory but a boke which renneth fro one to another and is delyvered by credite from wardyn to wardyn.

10, 11, 12, 13, To theise thei saye yt before ye comocion tyme all the foure alter clothes two payre of vestiments, Surples etc were stollen from them & els nothing & now thei have no more but one chalice as is aforesaide.

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(48) INVENTORY OF GOODS. Here followeth what goods and bells be in the pish of without the north gate of Excester . . . primis iiij bells w^tout clappers save one paryshe bell.

A challis xiiij unces.

ij payre of vestiments & ij chesserpylles.¹

iiij old clothes for the commounyon bord.

Item ij clothes of Cypress² to ly apone the bord.

Item ij of satyn v of silke & a cope.

A payre of serples and a rochet for the clarke.³

A bybel a paraphrase of Erasmus a commynyon boke for at the commosson tyme our church was robyd and toke all from us and that ys now yn the church we bort yt of anew.

Item a corporasse Mychell tudor sold to Stenyng for viijs which Michel tudor sold by the hand of Peter Roberts and John Row the churchwardens for to repayr our church wth^a.

Sold by the hands of Robert Rowe and Peter Roberts then beyng wardens for the mendacions of our church.

Primis a corporas sold for vi^s 4 and the case viijs.

Sold a pare of vestiments vs.

Sold a payre of candelstycys of Laten for xvs.

Sold by the hands of Thomas Radkleyffe and John Bond for that yere wardyns one challys for iiij^a xvj^s to buy our bokes wth^a.

¹ Chasubles.

² Cypress or Cyprus seems to have been a light material something like crape.

³ Archbishop Winchelsey in 1305 ordered that every church should have three surplices and a rochet, the latter vestment being the usual one worn by the parish clerk. The rochet, which has the body of a surplice and the sleeves of an albe, or was sleeveless, could be slipped on much more easily and quickly than the latter garment. It required no girdle or apparels and soon came to be the vestment worn habitually by the clerk, and also sometimes by the priest for services other than Mass, such as Holy Baptism, Churchings, etc. Very likely its convenience caused it also to be adopted as part of the bishop's ordinary habit, in place of the alb which would be used for formal occasions.

⁴ The material of this corporal is not mentioned, but it must have been of some costly material, as it fetched nearly as much as the embroidered case or burse.

Item John Drew sold of ours a pyx of silver for xvs to the making of ij botteras ¹ for our church.

(51) INVENTORY ROUGH DRAFT. The dew and iust Inventory of ye goods jewells plate vestiments bells and ornaments of ye church of St Davids Downe without ye citie and in ye countie of Excester, made upon ye view and survey yt the commissioners toke there by desire of ye commission in ye sixte year of ye Raigne of our Sovraigne Lord King Edward ye sixte.

Imprimis three bells waying
$$\begin{array}{l} 1 \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{iiijcwt} \\ \text{ijijcwt} \\ \text{ijijcwt} \end{array} \right\} \\ 2 \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{iiijcwt} \\ \text{ijijcwt} \\ \text{ijijcwt} \end{array} \right\} \\ 3 \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{iiijcwt} \\ \text{ijijcwt} \\ \text{ijijcwt} \end{array} \right\} \end{array}$$
 by estimacion.

Summa xi hundredwaight and half by estimacion.

Plate.

x² Item i chalys xiiij unces.

Vestiments and other things.

Item iij fronts one being of white chamlet 3 & the others of bridge satyn.

Item a cope of crymzin velvet.

Item a vestiment of tawny bridge satyn w^t out albe.

Item a vestiment of black worsted w^tout albe.

Item a vestiment of blew silke wth albe.

Item an old vestiment of dormisk 4 wt^{out} albe.

x Item two table clothes.

Item two reed paynted curtaynes.

x Item one surples and a rochet.

Note that over and besides ye said ornaments we have left in ye above named church of St David for ye necessary mynistracions thereof ye things following yt is to be said a

¹ Buttresses.

² The items marked x in the originals indicate that these were retained for the church, they are not included in the fair draft.

³ Chamlet or camlet was a fine woollen material.

⁴ Dormisk is the same as dormy, dornix, or dorneck—a coarse kind of damask.

bell in ye Steple of vicwt waight by estimacion item 1 chalys of xiiij unces item two table clothes and one surples.

(*On the back*) The churchwardens John Roo.
or churchmen charged Peter Roberts.
are these.

St Edmunds.

DOCUMENTS. Interrogatory (13) Rough list of goods of John Bolt churchwarden (54) A short list of goods. Rough draft of Inventory (58) There is no fair signed copy.

INTERROGATORY. The xxth daie of july anno 1552 commissioners John Bolt, Richard Philip Beer Elys Pawlyn and Will of ye parishe of St Edmund upon west gate of ye citie and withⁿ ye countie of bringing an inventory and answering to the int'rogatories in manr folowing.

1, 2, To the first and second thei answer yt thei have none o^r Inventory but this that thei present. Thei depose also yt yr was another w^{ch} Thomas Westcote one of the parishe had, but the saide Thomas is not at home. Thei saie moreover yt yr remaineth a counterpayne¹ of their church goods in ye hands of Mr Whiddon and Mr John Fulford and ye saide deponents promise yt in the sixe weke yei will labo^r for it.

3 To the thirde thei saye yt thei have two chalices p^ccells gilt one waying xij unces and a quarter, ye other waying xiiij unces $\frac{1}{2}$ neither have thei more to their knowledge.

4 To the fourth thei saie yt thei have no more vestiments than mentioned in yr boke or inventory w^{ch} thei have present.

5 To this thei saie yt thei have thre belles.

6, 7, 8, 9, To yse interrogatories thei answer as thei dyd afore to the first and second depose

¹ Counterpayne here means the other half of the document, which was made in duplicate and divided with a jagged cut, hence the word *indenture*.

thei knoe no more of their alienated removed or dyminished save in the hands of Nicholas Cove and Westcote of their parishe that is to saie of silver which William Goldsmith estimated to waye welnye fiftie unces, Item a challis of vij unces, a shippe, a censer, a payre of cruetts, a sponne, a pax, all waying by estimacion twentye unces. The saide deponents affirme moreover yt yr was another challice lent to S. Thomas parishe beyond Exe bridge and yt one Harry Joynt of the saide parishe receaved it of Vaisy ye clark of S. Edmunds as John Bolt aforesaide can tell.

The fourth day of August 1552 the saide Thomas Westcote being sworne and demanded for the Inventory yt the church wardens speake of in their answers deposeth yt ye saide inventory was taken away out of his house on the comocion tyme while he served with the citie.

The saide Thomas Westcote and Nicholas Cove¹ being sworne ye daie and yeare above saide depose yt immediately upon ye opening of ye gates of ye citie the same two deponents hearing yt ye saide plate was shifted from house to house by the Rebels went thither and toke it and devyded the same between them at home having xliiij unces, for thei confesse that ye whole waight of the saide plate was lxxxviii unces moreover yt as thei have alwaies pro for the saide plate even so do thei offer to ye determynacion of ye kings ma^{tie} and (honor)able counsaill consernyng ye saide plate

Item upon ye fifth daie of August A^o 1552 did Harry Joynt of ye parishe of St Thomas beyond the bridge being sworne depose yt where as he is reported to have rec^d of the clark of S. Edmund's a challice of ye said or of any other man, never the less this deponent affirms yt he himself found a challice under his owne bed in the comocion tyme at ye coming of ye king's army which challice he delivered to John Cove of ye saide parishe of St Thomas and Robert

¹ Nicholas Cove lived within the city on the banks of the Exe within the parish of St. Edmund. Hoker in his *History of Exeter*, p. 92, relates how a spy from the city was captured by the rebels at the time of the siege and "brought to an elm tree in Exe Island without the west gate of the city before the house of one Nicholas Cove, and then hanged" as a terror to other spies.

Tuckfield priest did masse with ye saide chalice which priest can tell where he sett it. And whether the saide chalice belonged to ye church of S. Edmund's or no this deponent can not tell but yt he supposeth it belonged to St Thomas parishe.

Note yt the last daie of September at ye palais of Excester Nicholas Cove promised yt within 3 weeks he and T. Westcote wold either bring in ye fore saide plate or ye valor thereof to ye kings use and if thei were requyred in shorter tyme.

(54) The certefycatt of John Bolt churchwarden of the pishe church of Seynt Edmund & other of the parishioners of the same pish certefyde to the comissioners the xix day of July.

Fyrste the do certeffye that the have nowe remayning in our church¹ conteynyng xij ownces.

I' iij belles waying by estymacyon xv hundred wayght.

I' ij payr of vestyments ffor deacon and subdeacon of crymson velvett lacking the ij amys koyrds.²

I' iij corporas³ one of black velvett & the other of sattyn ymbrodered.

I' iij auter clothes & j hedclothe⁴ of sattyn of brydge.

I' one payre of curtaynes of sarsnett.

I' iiij auter clothes of lynnne one dyaper ij wth ffranges & one playne.

I' a canapy cloth⁵ of whyt nyld⁶ work wth iiij buttons of tymber gylt.

I' a ban^ccloth of blewe sarsenett steyned.

I' a payr of grene vestyments wth a cross of clothe of sylver lackyng the amys clothe⁷ & the stolle.

I' a payr of vestyments of red sylke for the subdeacon lackyng the stolle.

¹ Paper torn.

² "Koyrds" = cords.

³ "Corporas" here = corporas case or burse.

⁴ "Hedclothe" usually = amice, but clearly not here, where "amys" occurs above and hedclothe is in association with altar clothes; it probably means frontlet in this case.

⁵ The "canapy cloth with buttons of tymber gylt" is a pix cloth exactly like the well-known Hesselst pix cloth still in existence.

⁶ Needle.

⁷ Amys clothe = amice apparel.

I^t a payr of vestyments of black velvett lackyng the lesser stolle.¹

I^t a pillowe of lynnyn.

I^t a payre² of vestyments of crymosun velvett belongyng to the deacon and subdeacon of crymson velvett before wrytten lackyng the Amys kordys & the long stole.

I^t one auter, cloth of satten of brydge.

(On the back, and partly torn.)

I^t we do John Bolt comocyon a crosse of sylver waying by estymacyon xxxvi ownnces.

It one chalysce waying vij ownnces.

It a chalys, a censer and a payr of cruetts & a spone & a paxe all sylver wayeng bye estymacyon xxij ownnces.

I^t a nother chalys wayeng be estymacyon vij ownnces taken away at the same komocyon by men

(In another writing.)

I^{tem} ther remayneth now yn the pysshe j challys wayeng xij unces and a nother challys wayeng xij unces.

I^{tem} that nycholas Cove sayth that he had no more plate but to the valey of xv o^s & there he wyll bryng the man that wyll be de[ponent] a pon a poke (*sic? boke*) that thys ys for the one half that he had.

I^{tem} thatt Nicholas Cove sayth that Westcott hath the other half & he ys not at home desyryng y^{or} good that he may be called be fore you.

INVENTORY DRAFT ONLY. The dewe and iust inventory indented and made of ye goods jewels plate vestiments belles and ornaments of ye church of S. Edmunds at Exe Bridge w^{thin} ye Countie of Ecestre upon the view and surveye yt the commissioners toke there yn ye sixthe yeare of ye raigne of o^r Sovraigne Lord King Edward ye sixte be ye grace of God &c.

Imprimis two bells $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1 \\ 2 \end{array} \right.$ waying $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} viict \\ vjct \end{array} \right.$ by estimacion.

Sum waight xiiij c waight and a half by extimacion.

¹ Lesser stolle = maniple. cf. long stole further on.

² In this and the following inventories "payre" of vestments is used, or a *set* of vestments.

Plate.

Itm a chalys p^{cel} gilt xij uns and a half.
 Itm anoy^r chalys p^{cell} gilt xij uns thre q^t.
 Sum xxvj uns and one q^t.

Vestiments and other things.

Itm a faire suite of crymsin velvet w^t ye albe w^{out} a rope.¹
 Itm a vestiment of yalow silk.
 Itm a chasuble² of reed silk for ye deacon.
 Itm fyve fronts of bridge satyn.
 Itm two litle curtaynes of reed and yalow silke.
 Itm thre corporas cases wth thre kerchefs.
 Itm thre table clothes of lynnen and one of diaper.
 Itm two old vestiments with ij albes.
 Itm an old ban^r cloth.
 Itm an old grene vestiments w^t an albe.
 Itm a vestiment of blak velvet.
 Itm a pilowber³ of lynnen Itm two surples.
 Itm a canapie cloth of white nedlework.

No^t that o^r and beside ye saide ornaments we have left in the church of S Edmunds for ye necessary mynistracions thereof yse p^{cells} folowing yt is to saie one bel in ye steple wayng ixct by estimacion Item one chalys p^{cel} gilt wayng xij unces 3q^t Item thre table clothes of lynnen and one of diaper Item two surples.

(Signed on the back) John Bolt. Richard Burden.

St George.

DOCUMENTS. Interrogatory (16) A list of goods, very illegible (59) Rough draft of Inventory (62).

¹ Rope means girdle.

² A chasuble of red silk for the deacon, is apparently the same as the pair of vestments of red silk for the subdeacon. Either a mistake for a tunicle or else a thin chasuble to be worn folded in Advent and Lent is indicated.

³ Pilowber = cushion.

INTERROGATORY. The daie and year above written
 missioners Thomas Hancock and John
 St George wⁱⁿ the cite and Countie of in their
 inventory and answering to ye¹

1, 2, To this thei depose yt yr was no inventory
 goods made yse eight years but by order fro Wardeyn to
 Wardeyn were thei delyvered w^t out Inventory.

3 To this thei saye yt thei have two chalises some bede
 stones² a ship a spoone and a cens^r of sylver.

4 To this thei answer yt thei have no vestiments but yse
 ye bill speaketh of which thei here have presented.

5 To this thei saye yt thei have thre bells and anoyr litel
 bell of half a hundred waight or about.

6, 7, 8, 9, To this thei depose yt thei know of nowe old
 Inventory and yr was none delyvered to them when thei
 were made wardeyns.

10, 11, 12, 13, To ys thei depose yt of their church
 goods there is nothing removed alienated or mynished
 In ded thei confess yt this last year was delyvered unto
 the cite of Excester for the use of the haven a sylver
 crosse gilt wayng xxxxi unces a chalice w^t a paten gilt of
 xxj unces a pyx,³ and a pax of sylver gilt of xv unces jqr
 Summa jcwt xxvij unces and jqr.

14 To this thei depose yt ye value of ye plate which
 yet is in ther hands cometh to lxxj unces and that at the
 comocion tyme and ye beseiging of yr cittie yr were sold
 about xx unces of our plate for ye relief of ye poore.

The summe of ye plate yt the cite borrowed of this
 church is icwt xxvij unces & one qr.

(59) Our church had a crosse solid sylver wayng
 lxxxxj unces.

¹ Paper torn.

² Rosaries seem to have been popular articles of devotion in the west.
 Hoker, in his account of the Western Rebellion, relates how Walter
 Raleigh, father of the famous Sir Walter, reproved an old woman at
 St. Mary Clyst for using beads, who thereupon raised the whole parish
 against him; and, "if he had not shifted himself into the chapel at Topsham,
 and been rescued by certain mariners of Exmouth, which came with him,
 he had been in great danger of his life and like to have been murdered"
 (*Hist. of Exeter*, p. 62).

³ The pyx was a metal box for the reservation of the Host.

mo^r unto hem a challys & ye paten all sylver waying xxi unces.

mo^r a pyxe & a pax sylid sylver waying xv unces and a q^r.

Item ther remens yn the pyshe w^t Thomas hankoke a challis waying xxi unces & a halfe he beyeng warden.

It^m vii bedestones of gilt waying ij unces.

It^m t^r remens yn ye hands of Wylm Reynolds a challis waying xiiij unces and w^t hem a shipp wth a sponne of sylver & gylt waying x unces &^{mo^r} a sylver senser waying xxxiiij unces.

It^m yr was sold at ye comocion tyme xix unces iij penney-waights and a half to pay for ye power.¹

It^m iij belles & one lytell bell of sacring.

It^m was sold at ye comocion tyme candelsticks of tynne partyn yron partyn brasse & other stuff to the value of iiiij^s 1^d was bestowed yn a reparacyon of the church.²

Item yn custody of Thomas hankoke vij pare of vestiments ij subdeacons v dekens 3 good & bad & there ys to them belonging vj orphryes & viij

Item ij coffers best and worst.

Item vj corporas without kercheifs.

Item ij canopies for ye pyxe.⁴

Item a table cloth of silke for ye altar 5 mo^r 6 oth^r clothes iij of thred and 6 larger four diaper the two other ys saye.⁶

Thei notify remain wth Thomas Hankoke the wardyn.

Item iij surples & iiiij rochetts.

Item xiiij lynnyn aulter clothes of dowlas good & bad & a

Item ij long towels and iij hand towels.

Item a bad lent cloth whyte and blew.

¹ Poor.

² This paragraph has been erased with a pen, as if to indicate that the items were not to be returned to the commissioners. The erasure renders it difficult to decipher.

³ "Subdeacons" and "deacons" here used for the vestments proper to these ministers.

⁴ The pyx was often suspended beneath a round canopy of silk, supported by a ring or hoop.

⁵ Perhaps this means a covering or coverlet of silk to cover the *mensa* out of service time.

⁶ Saye was a fine milled cloth, sometimes of silk fabric.

(60) **St George pyshe.**

- Imprimis a fayre suite of cloth of tapestry
 wth appurtenances & the cope of the same { reserved
 Item a vestiment of white damaske silke { for the
 Item a vestiment of black satten. { King.
 Item a suite of blewe velvet wth th'appurtenances and
 cope to the same.
 Item a baner of St George.
 Item a front of sarsenet p[ur]ple & yelow.
 Item ij aulter clothes of gold and yelow say { reserved
 Item a litel bell { in the
 { church.
 Item an old cope.
 Item vj coporas cases.
 Item iij canopies for the pyx.

INVENTORY ROUGH DRAFT. The dewe and iust Inventory
 Indented and made of ye goods ect of ye parishe church of
 St George etc.

Imprimis two belles { 1 xcwt { Sum seventeen hundred
 waying { 2 vijcwt { waight by estimacion.

Plate.

- x Item a chalys silver & gilt xxi unces d. w^t ye bede in
 ye botome.
 Item a chalys prcell gilt xxunces w^t ye bede in ye botome.¹
 Item a ship of silver w^t ye spone xj unces.
 Item a censer of silver p^ccell gilt xxxiij unces.
 Item seven bedestones gilt ij unces.
 Summa lxxxvij unces.

Vestiments and oyr things.

- Item a faire suite of cloth of tyssue wth th'appurtences &
 ye cope of ye same.
 Item a vestiment of whyte damaske.
 Item a vestiment of black satyn.

¹ "Ye bede in ye botome," i.e. with a stone set in the knop or foot.

Item a suite of blew vestiments w^t appurtenances &
a cope of ye same.

Item a baner of St George.

x Item foure altar clothes & thre hand towels of linnen.

Item two long towels.

Item a front of sarsenet purple and yalow.

Item two altar clothes of reed & yalow satyn.

x Item thre surples and four rochetts.

Item a litel bell.

Item an old cope.

Item vj corporas cases wi^tout kerchiefs.

Item thre canopies for ye pix.

x Item a table cloth of silke for ye communion.

Item curtaynes linnen clothes of dowlas good & bad.

No^t yt this parishe gave to ye citie to helpe towards ye
bringing in of ye haven

1cwt xxvij unces jpenny waight yt is to saie

A crosse of silver gilt waying lxxxxj unces.

Item a chalys w^t ye paten all gilt xxi unces.

Item a pix and a pax silver & gilt waying xv unces jd.

No^t yt over and besides ye above written jewels and
ornaments we have left in ye afforsaide parishe church of
St George for ye necessary mynistracions yr of one bell, one
chalys silver & gilt xxj unces and a half wt ye bede in ye
botome four table cloths three surples a pall of silke to laye
upon ye coarse.

The churchwardens or
churchmen charged herewith
are these

John Thomas.
Thomas Hancock.

St John's Bow.

DOCUMENTS. Interrogatory (15) Churchwarden's list
(64) Inventory, rough draft (67) Fair copy (69).

INTERROGATORY. d year above saide came before
. Robert Chaffe and Richard Tailor¹

¹ Richard Taylor, a clothier of Exeter is mentioned by Hoker in
his account of the Siege of Exeter. On the occasion of a tumult between

of ye parishe of S. Ihon Bowe within and countie of Exester, bringing in their inventory and answering to the interrogat' in man^r as foloweth.

1, 2, To this thei depose yt this is a true Inventory, and other old inventory thei have none, and yt this was drawn out of the accompt of ye church goods.

3, 4, To this thei answer yt what plate jewels and vestiments thei have it appeareth in ye Inventory.

5 To this thei saye yt thei have thre bells, and a clock upon the greate bell.

6, 7, 8, 9, To this thei answer as ye Wardyns of All Hallows upon the Wall dyd before.

10, 11, 12, 13. To this thei saye yt yr was never any of their church goods taken away, removed nor mynished but maintained thus yes 40 years as testifieth John Maye one of ye parishe of S. Jhon Bowe.

14. To this thei saye yt their plate wayeth an hundreth fiftie and sixe unces beside a pyx of ix unces which was sold in ye comocion tyme for the relief of ye poore when ye citie was beseiged, & for mendyng of ye clock.

(64) St. John's Bow.

The Inventorie of all the goods jewels, plate vestiments and other ornaments belonging to the p'ishe of S. John's bowe in ye cittie and Countie of Exett^r. And the waight of the plate particularlie made by Robert Chaffe, and Richard Tayler Wardens, John Clevehanger¹ John Vynsent,² John May, & Richard Clifford

those who sympathized with the Rebels and the rest of the citizens within the city, Richard Taylor bent his bow and "did nock his arrow minding to have stricken the man to whom he leveled the shot, but guaging his hand and missing his mark, he struck his own and best friend, John Peter, a gentleman of good countenance and credit, who had died thereof had not the arrow lighted upon one of his rib-bones." Hoker adds a note that "This Taylor died after, a prisoner of debt," as if that were a judgement upon him.

¹ On the back this name is written "Clenger."

² Of John Vincent, Hoker relates (p. 75) that towards the close of the siege of Exeter, in 1549, by the Western rebels, those in the city who sympathized with the Conservative party made a demonstration within the walls. Under the leadership of John Vincent and others they "gadded up and down the streets, walking with their weapons and

the iiijer ¹ men of the same pishe and Thomas Erytt golldesmythe. The xj of Julij Anno Rex Edwardi Sexti sexto.

In primis a Crosse of sylver p^ccell gylte wayenge lxij unces & di.²

Item a pyx of sylver p^ccell gylte wth a glasse wayenge xiiij unces.

Item a pax of sylver p^ccels gylte wayeng xj unces.

Item a canapie of sylver and gylte ³ wayeng iiij unces.

Item the best chalyse of sylver p^ccel gylte wayeng xiiij unces and half.

Item the second chalyse sylver p^ccel gylt wayeng xij unces.

Item the theiirde chalyse of sylver p^ccel gylt wayeng vij unces, wth chalyse John Radford doth clayme, and wth holdeth from the saide pishe a certen baner of grene sylke for by cause the saide pishe wil not delyver him the saide chalise.

Item a shyppe of sylver p^ccel gylt wth a spone of sylver therin wayenge ix unces.

Item a senser of sylver wayeng ix unces.

Item a pyx of sylver and gylte wayeng ix unces, the wch lyeth in gage for xls whereof xxxiiij*s* iij*d* was given to

in their armour as to fight with their enemies." Suddenly they shouted : "Come out, you heretics, you Two-penny Book men ! Where be ye ? By God's wounds ! By God's Blood ! We will not be penned in to serve your turn. We will go out and have in our neighbours. They be honest and godly men." The "Two-penny Book" of course refers to the new Prayer Book, which was cheap in price compared to the old missals, and the reference to the sacred wounds and Blood doubtless relates to the fact that the insignia of the Five Wounds had been chosen as a badge by the Conservative party, and played a prominent part in the Pilgrimage of Grace and all the risings of the period. Fortunately for John Vincent the demonstration came to nothing. "By the providence and goodness of God," says Hoker, "it so fell out that some being in their houses, and some at their parish churches, the Mayor and Magistrates were first advertised hereof before the others heard anything of the matter : and they according to their wisdoms pacified the matter." A few days afterwards the siege was raised owing to the arrival of Lord Russell with his troops.

¹ Former. ² Dimidia = half.

³ Another kind of canopy for the pix, viz. one of metal, referred to as silver-gilt here, but latten on p. 32.

the poor people in the tyme of comocion when the gate was shutt and vs viiij was payd for mendyng of the clock.

Vestiments and other ornaments.

Item a payer of vestiments of blewe vellfett (*sic*).

Item a payer of vestiments of black sattyn a brydges.

Item a payer of vestiments of checker wth grene crosses lacking a girdle.

Item an olde payer of vestiments of yellow silke lacking a gerdell.

Itm a payer of vestiments of blewe wth whyte flowers lacking a gerdell.

Itm the utter ¹ parte of a payer of vestiments with whytte strackes.²

Itm a coope of blewe vellfett.

Itm viij tabell clothes of lynen clothe.

Itm a lynnyn clothe to hang over the founte.

Itm a cloth of redd and grene sattyn a brydge to hang before the tabell.

Itm a cloth of olde Arras to hang before ye tabell.³

Itm a pawle of Blacke vellfett.

Itm an olde pawle of yelloo sylke.

Itm a paynted Stremer.

Itm a paynted baner.

Itm a baner of grene sylke wth John Radford wth holdeth from ye parishe for by cause they refuse to delyver him a certain chalice that he claymeth as aforesaide.

Itm iiij corpus cases and iiij kercheffes.

Itm ij towels and iiij olde clothes accounted for towels.

Itm ij hand napkins.

Itm ij litell curtens wth frange of sylke wth Rynges.⁴

Itm ij litell curtens of lynen cloth wth Rynges.

Itm one serples.

Itm a nother olde toren serples.

¹ Outer. ² Streaks, or lines of white.

³ A cloth to hang before the table shows that they were arranging the table exactly like an altar, as was certainly the case in some places. [cf. Note 1, p. xxx, of Introduction to *The Edwardian Inventories for Buckinghamshire*, F. C. Eeles, Alcuin Club Collection, IX.]

⁴ Riddel curtains with rings to suspend them from metal rods.

Itm ij litle quysshens ¹ of sylke to beare uppe the communion boke.

Itm vij paynted clothes whereof be certen occupied to hange aboute the quyer.

Itm one cloth of blewe and whytte wth Rynges. ²

Itm a broken crosse of latten wth a foote. ³

Itm a pyx and a canapie of Lattyn. ⁴

Itm an oyle box of Ledd ⁵ and a lytell bell foretyme hanging in the quyer. ⁶

Itm thre Belles in the tower and a clocke.

Itm two olde Rochettes for the clarke.

Itm iiij coffers wth locks & keyes & one coffer wth oute locke.

Itm as for other Inventories before this tyme were none made to o^r knowledge, other then uppon the backsyde of the accounts hath been used to expresse the jewels, plate, from tyme to tyme by the space of syx yeares past : and aboute foure years past John Clevehanger, John Vynsent, John May and Richard Martin ⁷ appeared before the worshippfull Sir Roger Blewett ⁸ knyght, Anthony Harvey Esquire ⁹ and others of the Kinge's ma^{ties} commissioners, and shewed before them one of their accounts, whereof the saide commissioners toke a coppie of the Jewells and charged

¹ Quysshens = cushions. One at each end of the altar.

² "Cloth of blewe and whytte wth Rynges," probably the Lent veil.

³ The foot indicates that this was not a processional, but an altar cross.

⁴ See note 3, p. 30.

⁵ "Oyle box of Ledd," a chrismatory.

⁶ The "lytell bell foretyme hanging in the quyer" was a sanctus bell hanging in the church.

⁷ Richard Martin was one of the servants of the notorious William Body, an officer of the Royal Commission, who was murdered in the Cornish Rising of 1568. He belonged to Exeter, and received 8*d.* a day for riding about with Body on his Visitations.

⁸ Sir Roger Blewett, of Holcombe Rogus.

⁹ Anthony Harvey, of Heywood, Devon, called of Culm John. He received grants of church lands, and of the confiscated property of Henry Courtenay, Marquis of Exeter, to whom he had been steward. He was one of the Mayor's assistants during the siege of Exeter, and in 1561 was in receipt of an annuity of 30*s.* from the city. He is buried in the north choir aisle of the cathedral; died May 23, 1564. The Council, after the raising of the siege, sent special thanks by Lord Russell to Sir Roger Blewett and others, "thro' whose pains, wisdom, and good courage" the city had been preserved.

the saide syde men that the saide Jewells and plate shuld be safflie kept and to be forthe commynge at all tyme that the Kinges Ma^{tie} requyred.

INVENTORY FAIR COPY. The dewe and just Inventory of the goods Jewells plate, vestiments, bells and ornaments of the church of Saint John Bow in the cittie and countie of Excester, indented & made upon the view & survey of the right Reverend father in Godd, Myles, Bishop of Excester, William Hurst, Thomas Prestwoode and John Midwynter aldermen of the saide cittie by vertue of commission of our most dradd sovrayne lorde King Edward the sixt to them and others in that behalf directed, in the sixte year of his Mat^{ies} most p^p'ous raigne.

Imprimis twoo belles $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1 \\ 2 \end{array} \right.$ waying $\left. \begin{array}{l} v \text{ c}^{\text{wt}} \\ \text{iiij cwt} \end{array} \right\}$ Sum ix^c waight by estimacion.

Plate.

Item a silver crosse waying lxiiij unces.

Item a silver censer xxj unces iijqrs.

Item a silver ship w^t the sponne ix unces jqr.

Item a pax of silver xi unces.

Item a pyx w^t the foote ¹ and a berall glasse ² xiiij unces.

Item a chalys p^cell gilt xij unces & half.

Item another litell chalys p^{cell} gilt vij unces & half.

Item a canapie cord of silver & gilt³ iijij unces & half.

Sum cxliij unces & a half.

Vestm^{ts} & other things.

Item a vestiment of purple velvet w^t the albe.

Item an old cope of the same.

Item an old vestiment of dormy w^t the albe.

Item a front of grene & redd sattyn bridge.

¹ The pix had a foot to stand upon, and must have been like a ciborium in shape, and probably the crystal cup fitted within it.

² Berall = beryl, often used of the glass of a monstrance. This pix seems to have been a small monstrance.

³ "Canapie cord of silver & gilt," a very rare item; evidently the chain by which the pix hung.

Item foure corporas cases w^t three kerchefts.

Item twoo littell curtaynes of silk and twoo lynnyn.

Item twoo pillowes of silke.

Item an old pall.

Item iij old vestiments w^t three albes.

Item twoo old banners.

Item a banner of silke that John Radford hadd.

No^t that o^r & beside the jewells and ornaments above expressed we have left in the saide parish church of S John for the necessary mynystracions thereof these prcells folowing. That is to say one bell in the Steple of vijct by estimation, one chalys waying xiiij unces and a half, Item a pall of black velvett for the coarse, Item viij table clothes, Item a founte cloth, Item an old cloth of aras to lye before the table Item one surplesse.

Myles Exon. William Hurst. Thomas Prestwode.
John Mydwynter.

S. Kyrian.

DOCUMENTS. Interrogatory (10) Churchwarden's list (70) Inventory, rough draft (73) Fair copy (75).

INTERROGATORY. The daie and year above saide came ye Com Thomas Grigg and Thomas Storye¹ churchwardens of parish of S. Kyrians w^t in ye cite and countie of Excester, bringing in their Inventory and answering to the in man^r folowing.

1 To ye first thei depose yt this wch thei bring in is a true Inventory as nere as thei can know.

2 To this thei depose yt thei nev^r had oy^r Inventory.

3, 4, 5, To ye thirde fourth and fifth thei saye yt in this their Inventory is mentioned what plate vestiments &c and belles thei have.

6 To ye sixte Int'rogat' thei depose yt thei nev^r afore this tyme had any other Inventory save onlie their church accompte and yt now by ye parcells remayning in the church they have made their Inventory.

¹ This name is written Thomas Stawnton on the back of the rough draft.

7, 8, 9, To the seventh, eighth and ninth thei saie yt thei know of none such Inventory.

10, 11, 12, 13. To the nos 10, 11, 12, 13, their depose yt of their church goods yr is nothing removed save onlie a pyx of silver and gilt which was sold by the parishioners for reparacyon of the church in ye comocion tyme.

14 To depose yt there plate is an hundreth and five unces and a half whereof in the cities hands yt was employed upon the haven, there remayneth but xxxix unces and a half.

The summe of plate yt ye citie borrowed of ye church lxxxvj unces.

(27, 70) Seynt Kyrtians in Exon.

The Inventorie of the playte Juyels and ornaments of the church aforesaide pervyded to the Ryght Rev^d ffather in God Myles Busshop of Exon & other comysioners appointed by order of the Kynges ma^{tie} in comysyson the xix of July An. regis Edⁱ sexto.

Imprimis a challis of Sylver w^t a paten prcells gilted waying xxxi unces.

Itm a pax of sylver p^{re}ells gilt waying viij unces & half.

Itm a coope of old purpell velvett imbroydered.

Itm a peer of vestiments of old blewe velvyt ymbrodered.

Itm a peer of vestiments of yalow & red satyn of brydge.

Itm iiij peers of old vestiments.

Itm syx clothes for the comunyon table and one of diaper.

Itm ij olde towells of diaper ij awlter clothes of satyn of bridge yalow and grene.

Itm ij olde curtaynes of syngill taffeta ¹ yalow and reed an olde silke baner.

Itm ij olde awter clothes of blacke saye iiij olde corporas cases w^t iiij olde kerchefts.

Item an olde palle of grene silke ij litel belles w^tout wheles.

Itm a peer of candlesticks of lattyn. ij peers of litel candlesticks of lattyn.

¹ In other copies the curtaynes are returned as sarsnet.

Itm ij belles of lattyn, an old lattyn crosse, a chayne for a lampe.¹

Itm a litel bell, a bible, a paraphrase & a prayer boke.

Itm a pix of sylver & gilt sold by the pishoners for the reparacion of the church and releife of the poore in the comocion tyme waying 6 unces (6s 9d the unce).

The parcel of plate and juyels hereafter Insuyng was given to the May^r and his Bretheren of the cittie of Exeter to be employed upon the haven of Exe in consideration that they hadd great necessities thereof toward the working of the new haven of Exe, as appeareth by a bill of the same gyft Indented therefore made betweene us and by them sold to their use.

Imprimis a crosse of sylver p^{cell} gilted waying lij unces.

Item a challis p^{ell} gilted and a censer of silver waying xxxiiij unces.

(*On the back*) A^o 1552 7 Novemb^r here are nowe no more but certifie of ye plate yt ye citie borrowed.

INVENTORY FAIR COPY. The due and just Inventory of the goods juels, plate vestiments bells and ornaments, of the church of St Quyrins in the cittie of Exces^r indented and made upon the view & survey of the Right Reverend father in godd Miles busshop of Exces^r William Hurst, Thomas Prestwode & John Midwynter aldermen of the saide cittie by vertue of commission of o^r sovrayne lorde King Edward the sixte to them & others in that behalf directed, in the sixte year of his ma^{ties} most p'sp'rous raigne.

Imprimis twoo litle belles both waying ij^o waight by estimacion.

Plate.

Item a pax of silver viij unces & a half.

Vestiments and other things.

Itm a cope of blue velvet.

Itm a vestiment of yalow sattyn w^t the alb.

¹ Lamps are not often mentioned in the Edwardian Inventories. Very often there was only one—if as much—in a church—the lamp kept burning in the Sanctuary before the Blessed Sacrament, candles being used for all other illumination.

I^m a vestiment of purple velvet w^t t'albe.
 I^m a vestiment of black worsted w^t t'albe.
 I^m an old vestiment of white and yalow silke w^t t'albe.
 I^m an old dormisk vestiment w^t t'albe.
 I^m an other old vestiment.
 It^m two old fronts of coarse black saye.
 I^m an old baner of silke.
 I^m two curteynes of yalow and grene sattyn.
 I^m ij litel curteynes of sarsenett yalow and redd.
 I^m iij kerchefts w^t the corporases.
 I^m ij diaper towels.
 I^m a long payre of candlesticks
 Itm a short payre of candlesticks } of laton.
 I^m a lampe and a crosse

No^t that ov^r & besides the saide ornaments we have left in the church of St Quyrn for the necessary mynstracions thereof these p^rcells folowing. That is to say one bell of c waight by estimacion, I^m one chalys weying xxxunces & a half.

I^m one old pall of grene silke, I^m viij table clothes whereof two be of diaper.

Myles Exon. William Hurst. Thomas Prestwode.
John Mydwynter.

St Lawrence.

DOCUMENTS. Interrogatory (16^a) Churchwarden's list (78) Rough draft of Inventory (80) Fair copy (82).

INTERROGATORY. The year above written came before ye one Mr Davys, William Pety, and Baker, church wardens of the paryshe of rence within ye citie and countie of Excester bringing in their Inventory and answering to the Interrogatories as foloweth.

1, 2, To this they saye yt this is the true Inventory and yt thei never used to make other, but ever by credite from tyme to tyme to delyver ye accompte and jewels to ye wardeyns before ye whole parishe.

3, 4, 5, To this thei answer yt what plate vestiments & bells thei have their inventory sheweth.

6, 7, 8, 9, To this thei answer as to ye first & 2nd interrogatory.

10, 11, 12, 13, Upon this interrogatory William Pety deposeth yt afore ye late comocion Richard Hert and Sir Spring curate of the same parish and Thomas Walter Wardeyn carried out of ye churche to ye saide Richard Hert's house, being wardeyn and delivered the jewels to Michael Germain Save onlie S George on horseback of silver mass¹ two Apostles, a pyx of silver altogether wayng by estimacion vj unces wch remayned at ye said R^d Hert's. Item xiiij candlesticks of Tynn a lampe of latton wch remayneth at Hert's house w^t Penhayle.

14 To this they answer yt ye value of their plate ij cwt, vij uns and a q^{rt}.

(78)

S Lawrence.

The Inventory of all the goods catalls Jewels & evidences belonging to the church of Saynt Lawrence in the cyttie of Exiter the xxvth day of March in the vj yere of the raigne of our Soverayne Lord Edward the vjth by the Grace of God King of England ffrance and Ireland, defender of the faith & of the churche of England & also of Irelong (*sic*) in each supreme hed, in the tyme Richard Denis Esquire and William baker being wardens.

Imprimis a crosse of silver gilded and enamelled (with Mary and John)² wayng lxxvij unces.

Itm ij chalices of silver whereof one parcell gilded lacking a knap at fotte one wayng xvj unces & q^r yr o^r xv unces p^rcell gilt.

Itm a (pix ?)³ of sylver gilded 8 unces cord & all.

Item a pax, a shippe & a spoone of silver wayng xx unces.

Itm a litle chalice wyth a pattyn wayng xij unces & half.

Itm a censer of silver wayng xxvij unces & iij quarters.

Itm ij cruets of silver wayng vij unces.

Itm iij pickstures⁴ of the crucifix of silver wayng xi unces.

¹ Massive.

² Names erased.

³ Erased in the MS. Word very illegible, probably "pix."

⁴ "Pickstures" = pictures.

Itm a crosse cloth wrought with silk.

Itm v parcels of evidences belonging to Waggetts lands.

Itm v p^c'ls of evidences belonging to Wallcottes lands.

Itm xv prce[']ls of evidences belonging to Spriggs lands.

Itm vj other prce[']ls of evidences.¹

Itm a cope of blewe velvet broded ² with grene velvet.

Itm ij sutes of vestiments one of reed silk branched with white work brodered with roses of gold lacking ij gyrdells the other of grene silk with a reed crosse without cope.

Itm vj other vestiments, ij chasubles one wt a grene crosse & the other w^t a blewe crosse, a nother a black worsted lackyng the hed pece ³ & a girdell, a nother of white satyn w^t a redde crosse, a nother of tawny sattyn of bridge lacking the hed pece, & a payre of vestiments of white fustian.

Itm ij palls, one of black velvet.

Itm ix corporas cases wth vij corporases.

Itm iij funte clothes & iij sylke napkins for the funte.

Itm ij canapies one white the other yalow.

Itm a mantell of velvet for the Image of Our Lady.

Itm a quissing of blak velvet and the oyr of yalow satyn.

Itm xj alter clothes one of diaper vj playne, and blew threde wrought in some of them and iij^{or} ⁴ be of new canves.

Itm ij towels whereof one be of diaper.

Itm ij white curtaynes of lynnyn clothe.

Itm a lent cloth painted white and cram coloure.

Itm v ffronts painted yalow & grene one is of damaske the other of sattyn of bridge . . . ffronts of the same.

Itm ij baners of sylke.

Itm a payre of beads of amber w^t one litel silver stone.

Itm ij paynted clothes.

Itm ij candlesticks of brasse.

Itm one bellrope.

Itm ij grete candlesticks of latton.

Itm ij torches. Itm a payre of small organs.⁵

Itm ij surplices.

¹ All these have been erased.

² "Broded," i.e. bordered.

³ The amice.

⁴ Quator, four.

⁵ The mediaeval organ was generally small, and often stood in the rood loft.

Itm iiij rochetts.

Itm iiij bells ij of them have noe clappers.

Itm iiij coffers, a bygge, a myddell & a lesser.

On the back is written :—Here is no more to do.¹

INVENTORY ROUGH DRAFT. The dewe and iust Inventory etc of S Lawrence etc.

Two bells	{ 1 iijcwt and an half }	Sum vjc waight by estimation.
	{ 2 ij cwt and an half }	

Plate.

Itm a chalys p^rcell gilt xv unces.

Itm a litel chalys wt a paten xij unces & an half.

Itm two cruetts of silver vj unces.

Itm a pax a ship & a spone of silver xx unces.

Itm a silver cens^r xxvij unces and thre q^{rs}.

Itm a crosse of silver gilt & enamelled lxvij unces.

Itm thre pictures of ye crucifix of silver xj unces.

Sum icwt. lix unces and one quarter.

Vestiments & oy^r things.

Itm a sute of reed silk w^t thre albes and ye amise.

Itm a sute of grene silk wt ye albes & ye amise.

Itm a white vestiment of bridge satyn wt ye albe.

Itm an old vestiment of branched grene wt ye albe.

Itm a black vestiment of worsted wt an albe.

Itm a vestiment of reed silke wt an albe.

Itm an old checker vestiment.

Itm nyne corporas cases wt seven kerchiefs.

Itm ano^r vestiment of reed silk wt ye albe.

Itm thre banners two of silke and one of lynnyn cloth.

Itm an old pall. Itm a front of grene & yalow silke.

Itm a vestiment of tawny silk.

Itm a faire front of branched damaske yalow.

Itm two curtaynes of white lynnyn.

Itm a towel of diaper and ano^r of lynnyn.

¹ Only the Rough draft of the Inventory for this church has been transcribed. The Fair copy is precisely similar with the addition of "Itm iiij coffers" inserted by a later hand at the end of the list.

Itm thre silken napkins for ye fount.

Itm two canopies ye one of white ye oyr yalow.

Itm two great candlesticks of laton wayng a c and a half by estimacion.

Itm two candlesticks of brasse.

Itm thre rochetts.

Itm a payre of organes.

Itm a payre of amber beads wt one litel silver stone.

Itm two torches.

No^t yt ov^r and besides ye above named plate and ornaments we have left in ye saide church of S Lawrence for the necessary mynistracions yr of yse prcells folowing, yt ys to saie one bell wayng iiijcwt and an half by estimacion, Itm a chalys wayng xvj unces, Itm two cussyns, Itm a fayre pall of black velvet wt reed crosses for ye coarse Itm eleven table clothes yt ys to saie of one diaper, foure of canvass and six of playne lynnyn. Itm thre fount clothes Itm two surples, Itm certayne old painted clothes to lye under ye fote of ye communicants when ye kneel at ye Lord's table.¹

The churchwardens or churchmen	Richard Denys.
charged herewith are two.	Robert Horwood.

St Martyn.

DOCUMENTS. Interrogatory (3^a) Churchwarden's list (83) Short rough list of goods (84) Rough draft of Inventory (86).

The Fair copy of the Inventory is at the Record Office. The Interrogatory is almost illegible, most of it is torn away, and the commencement practically lost.

INTERROGATORY.

1 To ye first thei say yt this w^{ch} thei bring in ye true inventory of all their church goods

2 To ye second ye depose yt yr remaineth inventory in their hands and yt other inventory

¹ An unusual item.

in th^r hands and yt thei other customarye to be made but church goods tyme to tyme.

3, 4, To ye thirde ye depose yt what plate ye waight of is ye same here in ye w^{ch} thei have presented their vestiments ornaments.

4, 5, To ye fifth without

6 To ye sixthe thei made ye right ye same

7 To ye sev delyvered out saide lord

9 To this thei of Bedford¹ requyred ye same provided they delyvered it unti his lordshippe had commanded.

10, 11. To this thei depose yt to their knowledge yr was never any of their church goods removed minished.

12, 13. To that thei affirme yt all the saide goods remayne in their church saving that Mr Tuckfield² Alderman hath the of the crosse, but to no private mans use was nothing of their church goods diverted.

14 To this thei answer thei have nowe valued all their church goods but it appeareth in their inventory by them provided as concerning the plate the waight thereof is ijc lix unces and a half.

(84) The paryshe of Saynt Martyn.

The inventory of all the goods, jewels, plate & vestiments copes, rochettes, ornaments of the seyed paryshe.

Im'prs a crosse gylted lxxix unces.

Itm a chalys gylted xvij uns.

Itm a pax gylted xv uns and a half.

Itm a senser of sylver p'cell gylted.

Itm a shyppe to ye same xliij uns.

Itm iij chalyses p'cells gylted xxxvj uns.

Itm ij candlestycks p'cells gylted lv uns.

Itm ij crewetts p'cell gylt xj uns.

Sum ijc lvij uns and half.

Itm vj corporas cases & on kercheffe.

¹ This no doubt refers to some transaction with Lord John Russel, afterwards Earl of Bedford, who helped to raise the siege in 1549.

² John Tuckfield was Mayor in 1550.

It a pall of cloth of tyssue.
 It a cope of crymsyn velvett.
 It a payre of vestyments of black velvett.
 It a cope and a payre of vestyments.
 same of grene silk.¹
 It iij awter clothes of lynnenn.
 It ij surples ij rochets.
 It ij courtaynes of sarsnett whyte and grene.
 It iij clothes for the ffront of the awlter of sattyn whytt
 & grene.
 It ij payre of vestyments of straked sylke.
 It a foole² sute of vestyments w^t a cope to the same of
 whytt fustyan.
 It a payre of vestyments of old sylke.
 It ij qussyns³ of sylke for ye awter.
 It iij bells w^t oute clappers.

INVENTORY ROUGH DRAFT. The dewe and iust Inventory indented & made of ye goods jewels, plate vestiments, bells and ornaments of ye parishe church of S. Martyn wⁱⁿ ye citie and countie of Excestre upon ye view and survey that the commissioners toke in ye sixte yere of ye raigne of o^r Sovraigne lorde King Edward ye sixte.

Imprimis two bells waying $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1 \text{ iijcwt} \\ 2 \text{ ijcwt and an half} \end{array} \right\}$ by es-
 Sum v^{at} and a half by estimacion.

Plate.

It^m a crosse of silver and gilt w^t a crucifix lxxx uns.
 It^m a ship of silver xvj uns.
 Itm a silver censer xxviiij uns.
 Itm a chalys of silver p'cell gilt xv uns & iijqrs.
 It^m anothr chalys p'cell gilt xj uns.
 x Itm anothr chalys p'rcell gilt xv uns.
 Itm a silver pax p'rcell gilt x uns iij qrs.
 Itm ij crewetts of silver xj uns one^{qr}.

¹ Paper torn. ² Full.

³ Note that the qussyns (cushions) are said to be for the altar in one list and for the table in the other.

Itm a chalys gilt xxiiij uns and a half.

Itm two candlesticks of silver lvij uns.

Sum ij cwt lxxvij uns and one q^r.¹

Vestiments and oy^r Things.

Itm a vestiment of black velvet w^t ye albe.

Itm a fayre pall of cloth of tyssue.

Itm a cope of black velvet.

Itm a vestiment of white damaske w^t ye albe.

Itm thre curtaynes of bridge satyn white and grene.

x Itm two surples and two rochettes.

x Itm an old pall of course silk.

Itm a cope of crymzin velvet wt three claspes of silver and gilt waying by estimation one uns and one q^r.

Itm one sute of vestiments of white fustian wt thre albes.

Itm one grene vestiment w^t out albe.

Itm a vestiment of old stryped silke w^t out albe.

Itm an old vestiment of tawny fustian w^t out albe.

Itm an old reed front.

x Itm foure table clothes good and bad.

Itm sixe corporas cases and one kerchief.

Itm a cope and a vestiment of grene silke.

Itm two curtaynes of sarsent whyte & grene.

x Itm ij cusseyens of silke (for ye table).

No^t yt over and above ye saide ornaments we have left in ye above named church of S. Martyn for ye necessary mynistracions thereof yse things folowing, yt is to saie one bell in ye steple of iiijcwt by estimation, Item a chalys of xv un^a Item two surples, Item an old pall for ye coarse Item foure table clothes, Item two cussyns.²

The churchwardens or
churchmen charged herewith
are foure.

William Tottell.
John Smyth.
Thomas Spycer.
Richard Smart.

¹ It will be observed that the plate was heavier than the churchwarden first reckoned it.

² See note, p. 43. Two implies a pair to be used at the same time, one at each end of the altar. Cushions on the altar are a pre-Reformation usage still retained in some churches.

St Mary Arches.

DOCUMENTS. Interrogatory (19) Churchwarden's list (88) Short list of vestiments (90) Inventory, Rough draft. (92) The fair copy of the Inventory is in the Record Office.

S. Mary Arches.

INTERROGATORY. The daie and year above written Thomas Graves and Harry Andrew of S. Mary Arches . . . wtin ye citie and Inventory and answering to ye Int'rogatories

1, 2, To ye first and second thei depose yt true Inventory and yt thei have no have rec^d other. But that by the church accompt from tyme to tyme ye goods of the church are delyvered fro wardyn to wardyn.

3 To this thei answer yt they have two chalices and an oyle box¹ of sylver.

4 To this thei saie yt thei have no more vestiments than are mensioned in this their Inventory.

5 To this thei saie yt thei have thre belles and a small bell.

6, 7, 8, 9, To this thei answer as to ye second interrogatory.

10, 11, 12, 13, To this thei saie yt upon vij or viij years agoo yr was sold a candlestick for reparacions of the church and yt a shipp, a censer, and a spoon of silver was sold in ye comocion tyme for relief of ye poor, when ye citie was beseiged, thei depose moreover yt this last year was delyvered to ye citie for ye use of ye haven.

Sum 1c xi unces & thre qrts. A cross of silver gilt waying lxxij unces and half & a pyx of silver gilt waying xxij unces & q^r Item a chalice with a cover gilt waying xvj unces as appeareth by indenture made between ye citie and ye churchwardens of the saide parishe of St Mary Arches.

14 To this thei saye yt ye value of ye plate wth ye saide church now hath (namelie two chalices and an oyle box) cometh to lv unces.

The summe of ye plate yt ye citie borrowed here is 1c xj unces and three quarters.

¹ A chrismatory to contain the holy oils for Unction.

(88) The Inventory of all such plate as now remayneth yn the churchwardens hands as also such plate and Jewells as was delyvered and sold by the consent of the parishioners to such uses as hereafter foloweth.

Remaineth Imprimis a chalice gilt with a cover waying xxix unces (w^{ch} serveth for the use of the communion).

Item a nother chalice gilt wth a cover waying xvi unces.

Sold and delyvered as foloweth

Item a ship, a senser & a spoone of silver waying xxxiij unces which was sold for the sum of vij li. xi^s ij^d which sum of money was bestowed to ye relyffe of the power¹ yn the tyme of the comocion.

Item a candlestick of silver waying xxxviiij unces sold to John Hurst for the sum of x^{li} v^s at v^s and v^d the ounce which hath been bestowed upon the reparacions of the church.

Item more over delivered to ye hands of ye maior and to his bretheren a crosse of silver gilt waying lxxij unces and half, a pix of silver gilt waying xxiiij unces one qtr and a chalice with a cover gilt waying xxi unces as appeareth by acquittance of the foresayd maior & his bretheren sealed with the towne seal.

Item iij greate bells & one warning bell² which now remayneth yn the tower.

Item moreover ij latyn candlesticks remaying now yn the church.

Hereafter foloweth all such ornaments as now remayneth yn the church.

Imprimis a cope of cloth of tissue with grene raised velvet.

Itm a payre of vestiments for the priest of the same with deacon and subdeacon.

Itm a payre of vestiments of crimson velvet w^t deacon & subdeacon belonging to the same.

Itm iij copes of crimson velvet embroidered & one old cope of red and blewe silke.

Itm a payre of vestiments of red tavita.³

¹ Poor.

² The expression "warning" bell is important and interesting, as showing that the use of the small bell as a "call bell" immediately before service comes down from pre-Reformation times.

³ Taffeta.

Itm a payre of vestiments of grene satyn of bridge.

Itm a payre of vestiments of white chamlet¹ w^t a blewe crosse.

Itm a payre of vestiments of blewe chamlet imbroydered.

Itm a payre of vestiments of tawny satyn w^t a whyte crosse.

Itm a payre of vestiments of grene silke and red.

Itm a payre of vestiments with decani & subdecani² without sleeves and fanel³s.

Itm a payre of red vestiments of satyn of bridge imbroidered.

Itm a payre of vestiments of red branched silk.

Itm iij awter cloths & 3 towels & 3 fount clothes.

Itm iij awter clothes of satyn of bridge.

Itm vij cotes⁴ of velvet for S. Mary & one of black a nother of tawny and also 4 of red.

Itm a baner of crimsin velvet imbroidered with raysed work of gold.

Itm a carpet⁵ of satyn of bridge for the communion table.

(90) Imprimis an olde grene vest^{mt}.

Itm a goodlye faire baner embroidered w^t gold.

Itm iij copes of crymsyn velvet, a sute of vest'mts of the same.

Itm a cope of tissue w^t a sute of vestiments } reserved for
to the same } the king.

Itm a littel pare of candlestickes of latton.

Itm a vest'mt of redd satyn.

Itm a vest'mt of black chamilett.

Itm a vest'mt of dormysk silke.

Itm a vest'mt of tawny sattyn.

Itm a vest'mt of grene sattyn.

¹ Chamlet was a fine woollen material almost as costly as silk.

² "Decani and subdecani" = deacon or subdeacon. The writer dropped into churchwarden's Latin.

³ Sleeves probably means apparels for the wrists, and "fanel" were fanons or maniples.

⁴ "Cotes" probably for an image of Our Lady, the word "Mary" has been added and is very obscure.

⁵ That is, a frontal. cf. the language of Canon 82 of 1603: "The Tables shall be covered in time of Divine Service with a carpet of silk or other decent stuff."

Itm an old sute of dormy.
 Itm a sepulchre cloth ¹ of bridge sattyn.
 Itm iij fronts ² of bridge sattyn.
 Itm an old front of chamlett.
 Itm a vest'mt of redd silke saye.
 Itm a payre of organes.
 Itm five littell cotes of velvet.

S. Mary Arches.

INVENTORY ROUGH DRAFT. The dewe and iust inventory indented and made of ye goods jewels plate vestiments bells and ornaments of ye church of S. Mary Arches within ye citie and countie of Excester upon ye view and surver yt ye commssioners held there in ye sixth yeare of ye raigne of o' Sovraigne lord King Edward ye sixth by ye grace of God etc.

Imprimis foure bells	1 vijct	{	ixc waight by estimacion.
	2 vct		
	3 iiijct		
	4 xxpound		

Summa nyne hundred and twentie pound waight by estimacion.³

Plate.

x Item a chalys silver gilt xxix unces.
 Itm a nother chalys gilt xvj unces and an half.
 Itm an oyle box p'cell gilt xxj unces and an half.
 Sum xxxviij unces.

Vestiments and other things.

Itm an old grene velvet vestiment w^t ye albe.
 Itm a goodlie faire baner embroidered w^t gold.

¹ The altar tombs so common in the West of England at the north sides of chancels were not the sepulchres themselves, but bases on which movable wooden structures were placed.

² These may have been "upper fronts" or dossal hangings, or frontals in the modern sense for the altar itself.

³ The weight is much confused by erasures, the first bell, kept for the church, being omitted, as in the next entry the weight of the chalice kept by the church is omitted.

Itm thre copes of crymsin velvet w^t a sute of vestiments to ye same & ye appurtenances y^rto belonging.

Itm a cope of cloth of tyssue w^t a sute of vestiments to the same & ye appurtenances y^rto belonging.

Itm a litel payre of candlesticks of laten.

Itm a vestiment of grene silke w^t ye albe.

Itm a vestiment of black chamlet.

Itm a vestiment of dormysk silke wt ye albe.

Itm a vestiment of tawny satyn w^t ye albe.

Itm a vestiment of grene satyn w^t ye albe.

Itm an old sute of dormysk w^t out albe.

x Itm a sepulchre cloth of bridge satyn.

Itm thre fronts of bridge satyn.

Itm an old front of chamlet.

Itm foure towels one of diaper and thre playne.

x Itm five table clothes.

x Itm thre fount clothes.

Itm a vestiment of reed silke Zaye.

Itm a payre of organnes.

Itm five litel cotes of velvet.

Itm thre lynnyn curtaynes.

x Itm a carpet of bridge satyn for the communion table.

No^r that over and besides ye saide plate & ornaments we have left in the above named church of S Mary Arches for ye necessary mynistracions thereof yse p^rcells folowing, yt is to saye one bel in ye steple waying vij cwt by estimacion.

Item one chalys waying xxix unces.

Item fyve table clothes Item thre fount clothes.

Item an old pall of silk Item a carpet of bridge satyn for ye communion table.¹

This church gave the citie to helpe towards ye bringing in of ye haven 1c xi unces iij q^{rs}.

Item a crosse of silver gilt waying lxxij unces and half.

¹ This church now possesses a large piece of drapery, obviously made from two fifteenth-century vestments, part of a chasuble embroidered with figures, mounted on what has been green and gold velvet. In the Wardens' accounts of the eighteenth century there is a return for "making a carpet for the communion table," evidently referring to this piece of work, which seems to have been used as an altar cloth. It is in very bad condition, as it was finally relegated to the choir stalls and used for the boys to sit on.

Item a pix of silver gilt waying xxiiij unces & q^{tr}.

Item a chalys with a cover gilt waying xvj unces.

The churchwardens	Thomas Graves.
or churchmen charged	Harry Andrew.
herewith are two.	

St Mary Major.

DOCUMENTS. Interrogatory (5) Churchwarden's list (94)
A list dated 1552 (96) List of vestiments (98) Inventory
rough draft, (100) Fair copy ¹ (102).

St Mary Major.

INTERROGATORY. The daie and year abovesaide came before the comissioners in the palace at Excester ye wardeyns of ye parishe of S Mary Mychel within the same citie and countie namely Lambert Johnson &c bringing in an Inventory and answering to ye Interrogatories in man^r folowing.

1 To ye first Interrogatory (ye saide) Lambert answereth yt this which thei bring in is ye true Inventory of all their church goods.

2 To ye second he showeth yt he hath no Inventorie save onlie this one w^{ch} is made according to anoyr old Inventory deponent of Mychel Browne Register, afore time yr was none as witnesseth William Halse of the same parishe but from year to year were the church goods used to be delyvered by credite unto ye wardeyns.

3, 4, To the thirde he sayeth yt in ye bill or inventory w^{ch} they here present it is delivered what plate vestiments &c thei have.

5 To the fyfth he sayeth yt thei have fyve bells great & small.

. To saye yt thei known of none oyr inventory yt was made or delyvered afore this tyme save onlie yt yt is mentioned upon ye foresaide int'rogatory and was made

¹ Very illegible from fading.

10, 11, 12, 13, 14, To this he answereth yt of their church goods yr is nothing mynished saving that certayne unces were found to be in the candlesticks (namelie two in lead and copper when they were broken) and in ye censer was found a plate of brass yt ye fyre lay upon in ye bottome waying vij unces. So yt ye whole plate in their church amunteth to iij cwt lv unces, whereof ye citie of Excester hath rec^d ij cwt lxx unces to ye use of ye haven. The reste remayneth wth ye church wardeyns namelie lxxxv unces.

The summe of ye plate yt ye citie borrowed here at ys church ijc lxx uns.

(94) **S Mary Mychel.**

The Jewels plate ornaments & other stuff belonging to the church of S Mary michels in exet^r wth was delyvered to the hands & custody of John Short and Will^m Halse wardens of the saide pyshe the vij day of December An Dom. 1550 hereafter foloweth.

The Plate and Jewels.

Imprimis a crosse of sylver pcl gilt wth a fote waying lxxxvij unzes.

Item ij sylver candelstyckes p^rcel gilt waying lxxxviii unz.

Item iij chalyses gylt wth there pattons¹ waying lxij uz.

Item ij crewettes of sylver & gylt waying v uz & a qtr.

Item tow paxes one of sylver the other of every² garnished wth sylver the sylver waying of both xx uz.

Item ij pyxes one of sylver & gylt an other of sylver & gylt wth a cristall³ waying xxxiij unz.

¹ Patens were generally included with the chalices, the former being usually made to fit accurately on to the top of the latter, the two together being regarded as one ornament. Although mentioned separately here, they are included with the chalices in the weight.

² Ivory.

³ The crystal was used to contain the Consecrated Hosts within the pyx.

Item a senser of sylver wth the chaynes of silver, a shyppe and a spone of sylver wayng li unz.

Sum of the hole waygth of the plate wth the broken sylver claspes ammounting to ccc lxiij unz.

The Vestiments and other Ornaments of the same
Churche.

Item iij canopies of sylke one wth knappes of sylver & gylt.

Item v suyttes of vestiments except one albe.

Item vij copes of dyvers sutes.

Item xij pares of vestiments except amyses.

Item vj quysshuns summe of sylke summe of lether & summe of sarsnet.

Item xij playne awter clothes whereof one is franged.¹

Item vj dyaper awter clothes.

Item ij kerchefts.

Item xvj corporas cases.

Item ij surplusses.

Item iij rochettes for the clerk.

Item vj rochetts for children.²

Item iijj palles.

Item iij curtaynes of sylke.

Item iijj long towels.

Item iij short towels.

Item a fount cloth.

Item iij silken fronts for awlters.

Item a front of white damaske.

Item ij old awlter clothes of canvass.

Item a cloth of sylke wth lynes of gold for a deske.

No^t that there ys yn a bagge iij oz of clapses of sylver & ij peces of the crosse wth a ryng of sylver & gylt wayng iij unzes and one quarter.

No^t that there was present at John Shorts howsse the ix

¹ Fringed.

² These would be for the choristers or children of the choir. In parish churches choirs were never very large, three or four men, with a similar number of boys on each side of the choir being the most that were employed. cf. Inventory of St. Peter's, Cornhill, London, 1546—"To viij^t prests clerk and Sexton viij surplusses. Item ij gathered surplusses for the parishe prest. Item vij surplusses for children of the quier." See *Antiquary*, 1897, September and October, vol. xxiii, p. 281.

day of December when the plate was waghted Thomas Lambert, William Halse, Walter Trotte, John Cotard, Lambert Johnson, Robert Peter, Michael Brown & John ——— and R^c Helyer ¹ goldsmyth & Thomas Nichols.

Not that the hole summe of all the plate ammounteth to ccc lxiij unces.

(96)

1552.

S Mary Michells.

The plate remaynyng in the custody of the wardens of the paryshe.

Imprimis iij chalyces gylt wayng lvij unz.

Itm one pixe gylt w^t a crystall wayng xv unz.

Itm one shype wt a spone of sylver wayng ix unz.

Itm a pece of sylver of a pax wayng iij unz.

These p[a]rcells of plate folowing, as delyvered to Mr Mayor & the Aldermen of the city of Exeter.

Imprimis a pare of candelstycks parcell gylt wayng lxxxvij unz.

Item a crosse of sylver gylte wayng lxxxvij unz.

Item a senser of sylver gylte wayng xxxvij unz.

Item a pyx & a pare of crewetts of sylver gylte wayng xxiij unz.

Item a pax of sylver gylt wayng xviij unz.

Sum iijc.

The Vestiments.

Item a sute of vestiments of whyte damaske wt purple egles. & ofrases ² of brotheryd ³ work.

¹ The "John ———" here mentioned may have been John Goldsmith, a Flemish servant of Richard Helyard, of the Goldsmiths' Company, who is here referred to as "R^c Helyer." In the siege of Exeter in 1549 it is related that during a night raid from the city John Goldsmith encountered a rebel who nearly slew him with a bill, whereupon John fell down and yielded himself a prisoner. His life was spared, but he then treacherously turned his hand-gun upon his unsuspecting captor and slew him, and then returned to the city with his spoils. All these names are very illegible.

² Orphreys.

³ Brotheryd = embroidered ; in other lists, some of these vestments are described "branched."

Item a sute of damaske wt flores¹ brotheryd & ofrases of redd velvet.

Item a sute of blew sylke wt stryptes & ofrases of brotheryd work.

Item a sute of blacke damaske wt redd crosses.

Item a sute of grene Bawdkyn wt byrds of golde & ofrases of brotheryd work.

Single Vestiments.

Item a pare of vestiments of whyte damaske wt appurtenances.

Item a pare of blew wt spradd egles.

Item a pare of yelow sattyn wt a crucefyxe & grene orfrases.

Item a pare of Bawdkyn wt a crosse of blew wt byrdes spredd.

Item a pare of redd wt a cross of whyte wt the image of S Catharine.

Item a pare of blew wt crosses of grene.

Item a pare of whyte lynnyn for Good Friday.²

Item a pare of grene dyaper wt orfrases of whyte.

The Copes.

Item a cope of whyte damske wt egles & ofrases brothered.

Item a cope of whyte damaske wt florys & ofrases of redd.

Item a cope of redd satten wt ofrases of blew.

Item a cope of redd velvett wt ofrases brothered & buttones of sylver & gylt.

Item a cope of whyte Bawdkyn wt ofrases of blew.

Item a cope of blew satten wt floures.

Item a cope of blew velvett.

Item a palle of blew velvett wt crosses of crymsyn.

Item a baner of silke, stayned.

¹ Flowers.

² Vestments of a dull white or grey were used all through Lent, though violet or black was ordered by Bp. Grandison for Exeter Cathedral on Good Friday.

The Bells.

Item v bells grett & small whereof one serveth for the cyttyes use & the others to the pyshe use.

The other Stuff or Goods of the sayd Church.

Item v quyshins summe corded wt sylke summe wt lether.

Item x playne awter clothes.

Item vj dyaper awter clothes.

Item two kerchyffes.

Item xv corporases.

Item ij surplusses.

Item iiij rochets for the clarkes.

Item iiij rochets for the children.

Item iiij badd palles.

Item iiij curtaynes of olde sylke.

Item iiij long towels.

Item iiij short towels.

Item a painted cloth.

Item iiij fronts for awlters of rede & grene saten of brydge.

Item a front of whyte damaske.

(*On the back*) here is made no more but certifie of ye plate yt ye citie borrowed yt is ij cwt lxx uns.

(98) S Mary Mychells pyshe.

Imprimis ij vestiments of old dormisk.¹

Item a vestiment of grene silk.

Item a vestiment of blew damaske.

Item an old vestiment.

Item another old vestiment of whyte branched velvet.

Item an old crymsin vestiment.

Item a sute of grene silk wt burds.

Item a sute of . . .²

Item an old sute of . . . ymbrodered.²

Item a sute of whyte damaske.

¹ Damask.

² Paper torn.

Item a vestiment of yellow brydge sattyn.

Item a littell canapie wt iiij litell whyte silver stones ¹ } yse are
put in wt
ye plate.

Item an other wt four stones of silver gilt

Item an other wt iiij stones.

Item xv corporas cases.

Item iij copes of whyte damaske.

Item one cope of black velvet.

Item one cope of lyon silke.²

Item an old cope of black silke.

Item an old cope of whyte.

Item a fayre sute of vestiments of whyte damaske.

Item iij courtaynes of old silke.

INVENTORY ROUGH DRAFT. The dewe & iust Inventory
ect. of ye parishe of S Mary Michels etc.

Thre belles { 1 vijcwt
2 vc
3 lx li. } Sm xij^o & lx pounds waight by
estimacion.

Plate.

Item a chalys silver and gilt xix unces three quarters.

Itm anoyr chalys silver & gilt xxi unces and one qr.

Itm a ship wt broken peces of silver xij unces one qr.

Itm a pix wt a litel crucifix of silver and gilt and
a berall³ glas in ye myddel xv uns.

Sm lxix uns one quarter.

Vestiments and oy^r things.

Item two vestiments of old dormisk wt ye albes.

Itm a vestiment of grene silke wt ye albe.

Itm a vestiment of blew damaske wt two albes.

Itm an old vestiment wt ye albe.

Itm anoyr old vestiment of white branched velvet wt
ye albe.

Itm an old crymsin vestiment of velvet wt ye albe.

Itm a sute of grene silke wt burds & ye appurtenances.

¹ A canopy for the pyx, with silver weights to keep down the corners.

² Silk from Lyons.

³ Beryl, see note, p. 33.

Itm a sute of black Taffa wt one albe.

Itm an old sute of blewe ymbrodered wt ye appurtenances.

Itm a sute of whyte damaske wt the appurtenances.

Itm a vestiment of yalow bridge satyn wt an albe.

Itm thre litel canapies¹ one wt 4 white silver stones, anoyr wt foure stones of silver & gilt the thyrde wt four copper stones.

Itm thre diaper towels, foure long towels of lynnyn & thre short lynnyn towels.

Itm eight table clothes namelie thre of diaper & fyve playne.

Itm two lynnyn curteynes and two lynnyn napkyns.

Itm fifteen corporas cases wt two kerchefts.

Itm seven copes namelie two of white damaske, one of black velvet, one of lyon silke, an old one of black silke an old one of white, and one of crymsin velvet.

Itm a faire sute of vestiments of white damaske wt the appurtenances.

Itm thre curtaynes of old silk.

Item thre rochetts for ye clarke and four for children.

Itm a banner of reed sarsenet.

Itm foure fronts of bridge satyn.

Itm thre old palls.

No^t yt over and besides ye plate and ornaments here above specified we have left in ye saide parish church of S. Mary Michels, for ye necessary mynistracions thereof yse parcels folowing, Namelie two bells ye one to serve the citie² & being of xiiijc waight by estimacion, the oyr to serve ye churche and being xc waight by estimacion.

Item a chalys of xvj unces and an half, item a palle of black velvet for ye coarse, item eight table clothes namelie thre of diaper and fyve playne, item foure cussyns, item

¹ Pix-cloths.

² The "bell to serve the city"—no record seems to remain in explanation of this reservation. At this period St. Mary Major's Church retained its ancient massive Norman tower, which stood up in the city like a fortress. Very possibly one bell was at that date used as an alarm bell if there was a fire in the city, and for the curfew, still rung in Exeter on the great bell in the Cathedral; in the sixteenth century none of the Cathedral bells would have been used for civic purposes.

a founte clothe Item two surplusses. And moreover there is left in ye saide church in consideration of ye multitude of ye parishioners to ye same belonging one other chalys waying xix unces iij qrs.

No^t yt ys parishe gave ye citie to helpe towards ye bringing in of ye haven ij cwt lxx unces yt ys to saie

Thomas Lambert.

The churchwardens or churchmen charged herewith are four.

John Risley.

Lambert Johnson.

Michael Browne.

St. Mary Steps.

DOCUMENTS. Interrogatory (10^a) Warden's list (103)
Inventory rough draft (106) Fair copy (108).

St Mary Steppes.

INTERROGATORY. The daie and year above said came before the Commssioners Richard Tailor and John Britnall wardyns of the paryshe of St Mary Steppes within ye city and countie of Excester bringing in their inventory and answering to the Interrogatories as foloweth.

1 To the first thei depose yt this inventory wch thei bring in is true.

2 To ye second thei saie yt afore this tyme thei never had Inventory, and yt ye jewels of the church were submitted by credite fro wardyn to wardyn.

3, 4, 5, To ye 3, 4, and fifthe yei saye yt what plate vestiments and belles thei have it is mentioned in this nventory.

6, 7, 8, 9, To ye 6, 7, 8, and 9 thei saye yt but the church accompts which the the sight of¹

10, 11, 12, 13, To ye 10, 11, 12, 13, thei affirme yt in twentie year there hath been nothing of their church goods removed or any minished, for it remayneth still in the possession of the church.

14 To the 14th thei depose yt the valor of their plate

¹ Paper torn.

is two hundred sixteen unces and 3 q^{rs} as appeareth by their inventory, some silver ungilt some p^cell gilt.

(103) The Inventorye off the churche goods jewels plate vestiments belles and suche other ornaments off the ppshe off sents mare steppes yn excestre.

Item a crosse of sylver and gylded the wayght a hundred ounces and viij ounces and iij quarters.

Itm a senser of sylver the wayght xxxiiij unces.

Itm a gylt chales off sylver wth wayght and the patrone ¹ conteneh xv unces.

Itm a chales off sylver and parcel gylded conteyneth yn wayght xv unces and a halfe.

Itm a shepe off sylver conteneh yn wayght xiiij unces.

Itm a paxe of sylver conteyneth yn wayght v unces.

Itm a pixe off sylver conteyneth yn wayght v unces and a halffe unce.

Sm. waying ij c xvj oz iij qrts.

Itm a box off sylver conteyneth yn wayght iiij unces.

Three belles and ij coppes, ij payre of vestiments albes clothes thre heng the alters off satone off bridges.

Item iij altar clothes of lenyng clothe.

The holle sum of the plate conteyneth yn wayght two hundred ounces and xvj unces.

The ppshe off sent mare steppes.²

INVENTORY FAIR COPY. The dewe and iust Inventory of the goods, jewels, plate vestiments bells & ornaments of the church of S Mary Steppes in the citie and countie of Excester, indented and made upon the view and survey of the Right Reved father in Godd Myles bussop of Excester, William Hurst, Thos Prestwode, and John Mydwynter,

¹ Paten.

² St. Mary Steps lies in the poorer quarter of the city, and the churchwardens in 1542 were evidently men of little education, as the spelling and mistakes testify. The weight of the silver mentioned above amounts to 200 $\frac{3}{4}$ ozs., but they have entered it as 2 cwt. 16 $\frac{3}{4}$ ozs., which, if exact, would have been a very rich haul for the commissioners. The names at the bottom of this inventory are scarcely legible. At the back of rough draft of final Inventory we find Richard Tailor

James Bury } *Wardens.*

Aldermen of the saide cittie by vertue of commission of our most dradd sovrayne Lorde Edward the Sixt to them and others in their behalf directed in the sixte year of his Maties most prosperous raygne.

Imprimis twoo bells $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1 \text{ waying viij cwt} \\ 2 \text{ waying vj cwt} \end{array} \right\}$ Sum xiiij cwt by estimacion.

Plate.

Item a cross silver & gilt cxj unces one quarter.
 Itm a censer of silver xxx unces.
 Itm a chalys of silver and gilt xiiij unces iij quarters.
 Itm a little silver pix or box iiij unces.
 Itm a silver ship without a spone xiiij unces.
 Itm a pax¹ p'cells gilt x unces one quarter.
 Itm a pix of silver xv unces one half.

Vestiments and other things.

Itm a cope of cri[m]syn velvet.
 Itm an old cope of silk.
 Itm a vestiment of white damaske w^t the albe.
 Itm an old grene vestiment w^t out albe.
 Itm an old vestiment of grene silk with the albe.
 Itm iiij fronts of bridge satyn.

No^t that over and besides the above named plate and ornaments we have left in the foresaid church of S Mary Steppes for the necessary mynistracions thereof these parcels folowing, That is to saye one bell in the steple being of xjcwt by estimacion, Item one chalys prcell gilt xv unces and a half, Item three table clothes, Item a pall of silk for the corps, Item an old surples.

Myles Exon. William Hurst. Thomas Prestwode.
 John Mydwinter.

¹ In the following reign we find in the wardens accounts of this church for 1553, "*et soluti pro una pax ad osculandum ijs iiijd*," showing that a new pax had then to be purchased in place of the one now taken away.

St Olave.¹

DOCUMENTS. Interrogatory (18) Inventory of goods (109) List of vestiments (110) Rough draft (112) Fair copy (114) [this is not transcribed, as it is the same as the rough draft].

INTERROGATORY. August A^o 1552 came before Richard Maunsell and John Alen wardeyns of the parishe of S. Tolaves¹ citie and countie of Excestre bringing in their inventory and answering to the intr'ogatories in man^r folowing.

1, 2, To the first and second thei depose yt this is the true inventory of their church goods and yt thei were not wont to use any, but ever by credite in their yearly accompte to take their church goods from one wardyn and to delyver the same to another.

3 To this thei say thei have but one chalice gilt.

4 To this thei answer that thei have no more vestiments then is mentioned in their inventory w^{ch} thei here bring in.

5 To this thei say that thei have thre bells.

6, 7, 8, 9, To this thei answer as to ye first and second interrogatory.

10, 11, 12, 13, To this thei answeare that whereas yr hath been in their church a certayne coffer wth a chalice and a payr of vestiments of reed velvet Mr William Peryam² and one of the same parishe who set the coffer in ye church fyve or sixe yeares and permitted ye saide chalice and vestiments to ye use of ye church hath now taken ye coffer and them home agayne reteyning yem himself and will not render them. But Morrys and John Barber of the

¹ The name is written St. Tolaves and St. Tooles, cf. "Tooley Street," London.

² William Periam seems to have lent this plate and these vestments to the church, and to have secured his property when he thought that it would be liable to be seized by the commissioners. He was Mayor of Exeter in 1532; his two sons were William, who afterwards became Sir William Periam, Lord Chief Baron of the Exchequer, and John, named in this document, who was Mayor in 1587 and 1598. His portrait is preserved in the Guildhall. The MS. of this Interrogatory is torn, but the sense seems to be that William Periam intended the chalice and vestiments to belong to St. Olave's Church after the death of his son John.

..... ye saide Mr Peryam promised four or fyve saide chalice and vestiments (after ye his sonne John Peryam) should belong to S. Tolaves.

The saide churchwardeyns yt John Jane being churchwardeyn sold by ye consent of ye p[ar]ishe the crewetts of silver to make a new fount of frestone a deske of yron and a pulpit.

Thei saie also yt their church had a censer and a shippe of silver which John Tucker being churchwarden A° 3 Ed sext did sell with the consent of the pishe for ye releif of ye poore at ye comocion tyme.

Thei testifie in like manr yt yr belonged unto their church a crosse of silver waying xlvij unces which when William Shepherd was wardyen A° 4° Ed. sext was sold to bear ye charges of garnishing the church and setting it forth with texts of Holy Scripture.¹

More^{ovr} their depose yt of their church goods thei have with the consent of the parishe delyvered unto ye citie of Exon towards ye bringing in of ye haven a pix and a pax of silver waying unces xxij.

Item a chalice wt a paten and a litel pece of broken silver prcell gilt waying xvj unces.

Sm xlv unces.

14 To this thei answer yt thei have no more plate now remayning in their church save onlie one chalice of silver and gilt waying xvij unces.

The summe of ye plate yt ye citie borrowed here is xlv unces.

(49 109)

S. Tooles.

The Inventories of all the goods Jewells plate vestiments belles and other ornaments belonging to the pisshe of

¹ It is worth while to note how the wardens of St. Olave's disposed of their church goods themselves, for the benefit of the church, which they "reformed" with texts, a reading desk, and a pulpit; but thereby secured their property from the clutches of the King's commissioners.

The "texts of Holy Scripture" may possibly have been amongst others the Ten Commandments, which were not unknown on the walls of churches in pre-Reformation days, and which were expressly ordered by Royal command in 1560, to be set up "for edification and to give some comely ornament."

S Tooles in the cittie and countie of Excestre made the xiiijth day of July Anno regni Edwardi sexti sext by Richard Mann . . . & John Alyn wardens Morysshe . . . & John Peramore of the same pisshe.

Imprimis a chalyse of silver gilte waying xvij unces.

Item a payre of vestiments of grene silke with a blewe crosse of vellfett w^t deacon and subdeacon to the same.

Item a payre of vestiments of grene Bawkyn.

Item a payre of vestiments of whyte fustian.

Item a payre of vestiments of grene silke.

Item a payre of vestiments of blacke damaske.

Item a payre of vestiments of redd sattyn a bridges.

Item a payre of grene vestiments of sattyn a bridges.

Item the better parte of ij olde vestiments.

Item a canvass cloth of blewe & whytte.¹

Item a cloth of canvass paynted.

Item iij corporas cases whereof one is silke.

Item a tabell cloth of silke with burds.²

Item ij banners of silke & ij of paynted canvass.

Item ij olde pawlles whereof one is silke.

Item ij quishons i redd vellfett & the oyr Bawkyn.

Item ij copes of vellfett one blewe the other redd.

Item ij old copes of redd silke more.³

Item three table clothes wrought with silke.

Item thre dyaper towels.

Item ij olde table clothes more of dowlas.

Item iij surples & a rochett.

Item a founte cloth franged.

Item a litel olde pyllowe of silke.

Item iij coffers and a litel payre of portatives.⁴

Item iij belles in the Tower.

Mr William Peryam had in the church a payre of vestiments of redd vellfett a chalice of silver p^rcell gilt & a

¹ Probably the Lent veil.

² Birds were very often represented on ancient vestments. Amongst the ornaments of the Cathedral we find, e.g. "una palla cum albis columbis, una capa de bandekyn cum cucuellis, due cape cum equis et avibus, una capa cum parvis aquilis," etc., Grandisson *Ordinale Exon*, Henry Bradshaw Society, p. 547.

³ More = in addition to.

⁴ Portatives (i) The word is not very legible; these may have been portable altars.

coffer the w^{ch} he hath now in his owne custody and keeping again.

Mr William Cosey requireth to have a tabel cloth of sattyn a bridges wch he delyvered into the church to be¹

Mr Richard Mannsell & John Alyn the wardens aforesaide have delyvered by the consent of the pisshe unto the mayor of Excestre & his bretheren towards the bringing uppe of the new course of the River and haven of Exe a pyx and a pax of silver & gilte waying xxix unces and a chalice wth a patent & a lytel pece of broken silver prcell gilt waying xvj unces.

Mr John Jane warden For A^o ij^{do} E. vjth sollde by the consent of the pisshe ij crewetts of silver waying vj unces quarter for the sum of xxvijs i^d The w^{ch} was sollde for the maykyng of a nother founte of fre stone, a deske of yron, & a pulpitte.

Mr John Tucker warden in Ao iijo Edwardi vjth sollde by the consent of the pisshe a censer & a shippe of silver waying xxxvij unces at iijs vd the unce, Sum viij^l xjs xd for the relyfe of the power in the comocion tyme.

Mr William Shepparde warden A^o iiijto E. vjth sollde by the consent of the pisshe a crosse of silver prcell gilt waying xlvij unces & quarter at vs xd the unce, sum totel xiiijl xvj s viijd The w^{ch} was sollde for the payntyng of Gods worde aboute the churche.

INVENTORY ROUGH DRAFT. The dewe and iust inventory indented and made of ye goods jewels plate, vestiments belles & ornaments of ye parishe of S Olave wtin the citie and countie of Excester, upon ye viewe and survey yt ye commissioners toke there in ye sixte yeare of ye raigne of o^r sovraigne Lord King Edward ye sixte by ye grace of God etc.

Imprimis thre belles	$\left. \begin{array}{l} 1 \text{ iiij cwt} \\ 2 \text{ } \end{array} \right\} \text{iiij cwt}$ $\left. \begin{array}{l} 3 \text{ } \end{array} \right\} \text{ij cwt}$	waight altogether by estimacion.

x Item a chalice silver and gilt xvij unces.

¹ Torn.

Vestiments and oyr^r things.

Item a fayre cope of black velvet wt a claspe & silver gilt waying one uns by estimacion.

Itm a cope of blew velvet.

Itm an old cope of silke.

Itm anoy^r old worn cope of silke.

Itm a sute of vestiments of reed silk w^t out albes.

Itm an old vestiment of reed silk w^t the albe.

Itm anoy^r vestiment of grene bridge satyn wt ye albe.

Itm an old vestiment of reed silk w^t ye albe.

Itm a vestiment of white fustian w^tout albe.

Itm an old vestiment of Turkey satyn w^t ye albe.

Itm an old black vestiment.

Itm anoy^r old vestiment of silk.

Itm two old worn vestiments.

Itm two fronts ye one of silk and gold, ye oyr of bridge satyn.

Itm thre corporas cases wt out kerchefs.

x Itm two cussyns ye one of silk ye oyr of crymsin velvet.

Itm two banners of silk ye one new ye oyr old.

Itm thre diaper towels.

x Itm fyve table clothes good and bad.

x Itm a founte cloth.

x Itm two surples.

Itm a litel payre of organes.

Itm thre old table clothes one of Dowlas.¹

Itm a litel old pillowe of silk.

No^t yt over and beside yse ornaments above written we have left in ye aforesaiðe parishe churche of St Olave for ye necessary mynistracions thereof one bell in the steple of ij cwt waight by estimacion, Item one chalys waying xvij unces, Item two cussyns, Item fyve table clothes good and bad, Item a fount clothe, Item two surples, Item one old pall.

(*On the back*) This parishe gave ye citie to help towards ye bringing in of ye haven xlv unces, yt is to saie a pix and a pax of silver and gilt waying 23 uns, item a chalys wt a

¹ Dowlas, a coarse linen imported from Brittany.

paten and a litel pece of broken silver p'cell gilt waying xvi unces.

The churchwardens or
churchmen charged herewith
are two.

Richard Maunsell.
John Allen.

St Pancras.

DOCUMENTS. Interrogatory (111^a) Warden's list (115)
Rough draft (118) The fair copy is at the Record Office.

INTERROGATORY. The daie and year abovesaide came before the commissioners Harry Harrys churchwarden of the parishe of S Pancras wt^a ye citie and countie of Exon bringing in an inventory and answering the interrogatories, in manr folowing.

1 To the first he saith yt that wch he bringeth in is a true inventory and yt thei kepe no bokes of accompte it is so poor and small a parishe.

2 To ye second he answereth yt yr remayneth none oyr inventory in their parishe and yt thei know of none yt ever was taken of their parishe.

3, 4, 5, To ye 3, 4, and fifth ye saide Harrys answereth yt in this inventory it is written what plate vestiments and bells thei have.

6, 7, 8, 9, To ye sixthe 7, 8, 9, he saith that thei have none other inventory but a boke which one William Cotton a goldsmith had of the parish for it renneth fro hand to hand.

10, 11, 12, 13, 14 To this he saith yt thei had certayne plate but lxxvij unces and a half was delyvered the last yeare into the cities hands to ye use of the haven as appeareth by the indenture made betwixte the citie and the saide parishe of St Pancras. The

Moreover yt ye remayneth in the saide gilded weyeng xvj unces and yt yr off and a shipp wayeng xxix unces and comocion tyme for ye releuyng¹

Item he deposeth yt yr was likewise another chalice

¹ Here a corner of the MS. is torn off.

wayeng xvj unces and yt the same was in ye custody of one Richard Lymbere one of the saide parishe who saith yt it was stolen where he bestowed it at the last comocion, as the said Richard will make further information thereof. And yt yr is gone in like man^r a pix of silver whyte weyeng xiiij unces at ye same tyme and likewise a pax weyeng five unces stolen out of ye custodie of ye saide Richard.

The saide Richard Lymbere came before ye Commissioners ye second day of August A^o 1552 and being sworne deposeth yt ye saide plate namelie a chalice and pix and a pax were stolen from him at ye late comocion. And the same daie came before the commissioners Mr John Blackaller,¹ Alderman, John Blackall, Jhon Tucker, Charles Sothern and being sworne dyd depose how that thei believe yt ye saide Richard Lymbere had taken a true ooth and yt ye saide plate was stollen from ye saide Richard at ye comocion tyme being hyd in a garden where more was stollen then yt.

The summe of ye plate yt ye citie borrowed of ys church lxxvij uns & a half.

(115) Church Wardyn Henry Harris. The pishe of S pancrase wⁱⁿ the Cytie of Exon 18 July 1552.

I^t ij belles to the same church waying by estimacion aboute ij cwt.

I^t a cope of purpure velvett and one Vestiment of the same sute.

I^t 1 old cope more of silke.

I^t 1 palle of velvett and yellow velvett.

I^t 1 Blacke vestiment.

I^t We have delyvered into the custody of the Mayor and his bretheren as appeareth more largely by a bill Indented between them and us the parishioners above saide in plate parcell gylded the sum of onces lxxvij.

Now happeneth yt that we viewing the church found there a chalice of 22 uns 3 qrs.

¹ John Blackaller was the Mayor who in 1549 defended Exeter during the siege. He evidently came on this occasion with the others to give evidence as to Richard Lymbere's good character.

It remayneth unto us to serve the church dayly 1 chalys guylded unces xvj.

It a shippe and a censer silver whyte wayng unces xxiv the which was sold at the late comocion for the defence of the rebelles, and ayde for our Solders at that tyme bestowed.

It more we had a chalyce gylded the waight thereof unces xvj and the same in the custody of Richard Lymbere who saith that it was stollen whereas he bestowed it at the Comocion laste as he will make informacion thereof.

It a pix of silver whyte wayng unces xiiij and the same in the custody of the aforesaide Rychard Lymbeer and stollen accordingly as is before mentioned.

It a pyx wayng unces v. and the same in the custody of the aforesaide Rychard Lymbeer and stollen as is before mencyoned.

INVENTORY ROUGH DRAFT. The dewe and iust Inventory indented & made of ye goods ect of ye parishe church of S Pancras etc.

x Imprimis one bell being of one cwt waight by estimacion.¹

Plate.

x Item a chalys silver and gilt xxij uns & the qrts.

Vestiments & oyr things.

Item a cope & a vestiment of purple velvet w^t albe.

Itm a black worsted vestiment w^t an albe.

Itm an old cope of silke.

Itm an old palle of silke.

x Itm two surples and two rochetts.

x Itm a pall of yallow velvet wt a black crosse.

x Itm three table clothes.²

¹ St. Pancras still retains its ancient bell, which is inscribed, "*Quamvis sum parva tamen audior ampla parva R. N.*" The initials stand for Richard Norton, a bell founder of Devon, said to have worked in the reign of Henry VI.

² All the items marked x are erased, and the word altar has been erased and "table" substituted. This occurs in other lists, the churchwardens had not yet learnt to call their altar a table.

Itm a payre of candlesticks }
 Itm a foote ¹ } of laton.
 Itm a lampe }

No^t yt o^r and above ye saide ornaments we have left in the above named church of S Pancras for ye necessary mynistracions thereof yse things folowing yt is to saie a bell in ye steple of an hundred waight, a chalys silver & gilt xxij uns, an thre qrts Item a pall of yalow velvet w^t a black crosse for ye coarse, and thre table clothes. Item ij surples and ij rochets.

(*On the back*) This parishe gave to help towards ye bringing of ye haven lxxvij unces parcel gilt.

The churchwarden or churchman charged herewith is but one Harry Harrys.

St Paul.

DOCUMENTS. The interrogatory (8) List of goods (120) Rough draft of Inventory (123) The fair copy is at the Record Office.

INTERROGATORY. The daie and year above saide came before the Commissioners John Harris and Richard Taylor Churchwardens of ye paryshe of S Paul ² within the citie and countie of Excester, bringing in their inventory and answering to the Interrogat^r as foloweth.

1, 2, To the first and second thei depose yt this is a true Inventory as nye as thei can tell, and also yt that is it which thei were commanded to make three years agoo.

3 To this thei answer yt thei have one chalice wt a paten pr[']cell gilt, and ye chalice waying xij unces and ye paten xj unces.

4 To that thei depose yt thei have no moo vestiments or ornaments than is mentioned in their bill.

5 To this thei saye yt thei have thre bells.

6, 7, 8, 9, To ye sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth thei answer as to the first and second interrogations.

10, 11, 12, 13, To ye 10, 11, 12, 13, thei saye yt thei know nothing of their church goods alianated, removed or

¹ Foot for cross.

² Also written Synt Pollys and St. Paulle.

taken save onlie a poor lent cloth yt is stolen away from them they cannot tell by whom.

14 To this thei saye yt ye value of their plate cometh but to xij unces of silver.

(56 120)

Synt Pollys.

Item iij bells.

It one challys wt paten xij unces.

It a cope of silke chamlett.

It a cope of grene velvet.

It a payre of vestiments of blew velvett.

It a payre of vestiments of satyn of brydge.

It a payr of othyr vestiments.

It a cloth to hang down the sepulchre.

It a cloth that hangeth before the sepulchre.

It the litel cloth stolen away.

It a nother cloth of satyn of brydge.

It a pall.

It iij auter clothes of dyaper.

It iij playne auter clothes.

It one towel.

It ij corporas cases & iij kerchefts w^t them.

It a crosse of lattyn.

It ij payre of candlesticks of lattyn.

It a holy water buckett of lattyn.

It a senser of brasse.

It a lampe of brasse.

It a canopy of lattyn.

It a fote of a crosse of¹

It a payre of organes.

It ij surples and a rochet.

It ij cussyns of silke.

It the sanctus bell.

Saint Paul's Parish.

INVENTORY ROUGH DRAFT. The dewe and iust Inventory yndented & made of ye goods etc of ye parishe church of S Paul etc.

¹ A movable stand in which the cross could be placed on the altar, when not being carried in procession.

Imprimis two bells both being of ij cwt by estimacion.¹

Item a sawnce bell waying thre pound.²

x Item a litel chalys of silver prcell gilt xij unces.

Vestiments and Oyr Things.

Item two copes ye one of grene velvet ye oyr of blew silke.

Itm foure vestiments one of blew velvet ye oyr thre be old one of russet silke, one of whyte silke one of reed silke.

Itm foure albes.

Item thre corporas cases with four kerchefts.

Itm two litel old cussheens of silk.³

Itm two towels one of diaper ye oyr playne.

x Itm a palle of blew silke for ye coarse.

x Itm two table⁴ clothes ye one of diaper ye oyr playne.

x Itm two surples and one rochet.

Item a litel payre of organes wt two paazes⁵ of lead.

Itm an old banner of silke.

Itm a payre of candlesticks.

Itm a crosse wt a fote

Itm a censer

Itm a lampe

Itm a canapie cord.

Itm a holie water bucket.

No^t yt oyr and besides ye above written ornaments we have left in ye aforesaide parishe church of S Paul for ye necessary mynistracions thereof yse things folowing, yt is to saie one bell in ye steple to warne unto ye servyse, a chalice of silver parcel gilt xij unces a pall of blew silke for ye coarse, ij table clothes, two surples.

(*On the back*) The churchwardens or

churchmen charged
herewith are

Richard Taylor.

John Harrys.

¹ Three bells are set down, but one is erased and marked as kept for the parish.

² "*Sawnce bell*," sacring bell, sanctus bell; so named in Hayward's *Rape of Lucrece*. cf. "oon sawntz bell," inventory of church goods of St. Alkemun, Salop.

³ At the end of a rough list of goods we find, "There is now reserved ij littell old cuyssons of silk delyvered to the parishioners."

⁴ "Altar" erased.

⁵ Pieces.

St Petroc.

DOCUMENTS. Interrogatory (4^a) List of plate dated September 24, 1550 (131) List of goods (132) Inventory, rough draft (133). The fair copy is at the Record Office.

INTERROGATORY. The daie and year afore before the Commissioners in ye Palace of Exon came ye wardyns of St Petrock's Paryshe Gilbert Saywell and Alexander Triggs, bringing in their inventory and answering to the Interrogatories in manner folowing.

1 To ye first thei depose yt this thei bring in is a true Inventory of their church goods.

2 To ye second thei saye yt here is anoy^r Inventory w^{ch} thei presente now withall, the copies whereof were delyvered to ye Rt hono^{ble} T'erle of Bedford.¹

3, 4, To the iij and iiijth thei saye yt thei have now no more plate but this chalice and boxe whereof memorial is made in their inventory aforesaid of their vestiments and other things.

5 To this thei saye yt thei have iiij belles.

6, 7, 8, 9, To ye sixthe seventh, eight and nynth interrogatories can saye none other but thei answered to ye first and second.

10, 11, 12, 13, 14. To this thei answer the rest their church as namelie a crosse . . . sylver . . . waying . . . and two unces, a ch . . . and an oyle boxe . . . xliiij uns ye citie . . . of them as appeareth . . . indenture drawn between the citie and ² . . .

(131) The Inventory of such plate and bells as remaineth in ye church of St Petrock. 24. September 1550.

Imprimis a crosse of silver parcell gilt.

Itm ij chalyses of silver.

¹ Lord John Russell, the chief instrument of the Privy Council in putting down the Western Rebellion in 1549, afterwards made Earl of Bedford.

² This document is very much injured, the end being quite torn away. The last paragraph refers to the plate contributed to the city fund for making the canal.

Itm an oyle box of silver parcell gilt.
 Itm iiij bells in ye steple with their clappers.
 Ye copie of this was d[eli]vere]d to my l. lieftenant.

(132) An inventory of St Petrock's made 19 July A°
 Dni. (date lost).

Imprimis a chalice all gilt waying xv oz.
 Itm a coope and a sute of vestiments of cloth of tissue.
 Itm a coope and a sute of vestiments of red velvet.
 Itm a sute of vestiments of white damaske.
 Itm a coope of silk with birds.
 Itm a vestiment of white damaske w^t an albe.
 Itm ij surples for ye prest & iiij for ye clark.
 Itm iiij bells.
 Itm for ye qhor ¹ a pair of curtaynes of lynnen and a pair
 of white branched damaske.
 Itm a carpet of france work.
 Itm a bible a paraphrasis ² and a service book.
 Itm v table clothes of lynnen and v towels.
 Itm a table carpet of white damaske & a nother of buck-
 eram ³ and silke wt garbes. ⁴
 Itm ij paules ⁵ of silk.
 Itm a founte cloth of silke.
 Itm ij cowshens for ye table one velvet an t'other
 silke.
 Itm vj corporas cases.
 Itm an herse cloth of black velvet.
 A crosse of silver waying cwt ij unces a chalice and ye
 oyle box, the city hath towards their haven xliiij oz.
 (*On the back*) 1552 7 Nov. Here we now no more but
 to certifie of ye plate yt ye citie borrowed yt ys icwt xlvj
 unces.

¹ Choir.

² The Paraphrase of Erasmus here mentioned still exists, and is kept in the church. Unfortunately it has been rebound.

³ Buckram was so named because it originally came from Bokhara. It seems to have been a fine woollen material.

⁴ *Garbes*. The word is not very clear, but it may mean the heraldic term *garbe*, French *gerbe*, a wheatheaf.

⁵ This church retains a pall, or altar carpet made of two ancient vestiments, of handsome embroidery, in very good preservation.

INVENTORY ROUGH DRAFT. The dewe and iust Inventory Yndented & made of ye goods jewels etc of ye paryshe church of St Petrocks etc.

Imprimis thre bells $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1 \text{ iiij cwt. di} \\ 2 \text{ iij cwt di} \\ 3 \text{ ij cwt di} \end{array} \right\}$ Sum xi cwt and an half by estimacion.

Plate.

x Itm a chalys silver and gilt xv uns & a q^r.

Vestments and o^r things.

Itm ye cope w^t ye sute of cloth of tissue & appurtenances.

Itm a sute of crymzin velvet wt the appurtenances & a cope.

Itm a vestiment of white damaske wt ye appurtenances.

Itm a vestiment of white damaske wt ye albe.

Itm an old cope of blew silke.

Itm two curtaynes of white damaske.

Itm a pall of silk dormisk.

Itm two small curtaynes of white and grene silk.

x Itm two table clothes one of playne lynnyn ye other of diaper.

x Itm two cussyns one of purple velvet the oyr of check.

x Itm a faire pall of black velvet with a reed crosse.

x Itm a fount cloth of silke.

x Itm foure moo playne altar clothes.

Itm foure towels one of diaper thre of playne lynnyn.

x Itm two surples for ye priest thre surples for ye clark.

x Itm an old carpet to lay afore ye altar.

x Itm an old pall yt lieth on ye table.

Itm two curtaynes of lynnyn.

No^t yt over and besides ye above written ornaments we have left in ye aforesaide parishe of St Petrocks for ye necessary mynistracions folowing
a chalice silver table clothes of lynnyn
cussyns a pall of black velvet for ye coarse a fount

cloth of silk, two surples an old to lye
afore ye table, an old pall upon . . .

(*On the back*) This church gave ye citie to helpe tow'rd
ye bringing in of ye haven yt is to saie a crosse of silver
of one c ij uns.

Item a chalice of silver.

Item an oyle box of silver prcel gilt.

1 cwt xlvj unces.

Churchwardens or
churchmen charged . . . twoo.

Gilbert Saywell.
Alexander Triggs.

St Sidwell.

DOCUMENTS. The Interrogatory (8) A "presentment"
dated 9 April 3. King Edward vith (135) List of goods
(65 136) Inventory rough draft (139) No fair copy of
the Inventory.

S. Sydwills.

INTERROGATORY. The daie and year abovesaide came
before the Commissioners Richard Hutchins and William
Harrys churchwardens of ye parishe of S Sidwells without
Eastgate of the citie and within the countie of Exon
bringing in their inventory and answering to the inter-
rogatories in man'r folowing.

1 To ye first thei saye yt this is a true inventory.

2 To the second thei saye yt thei have another Inventory
taken by Mr Whiddon three years agoo which thei here
bring in also.

3 To the thirde thei depose yt thei have a pixe which
thei make ye chalice of,¹ a paten & two crewetts of silver
& no more.

4 To this thei depose yt thei have no vestiments left
and yt all were stollen awaye in ye comocion tyme and
that the Cathedral Church hath geven them an old payre
of vestiments.

¹ This pix must have been a ciborium shaped vessel, with a foot, so
that it could be used as a chalice.

5 To this thei depose yt thei have but one bell and that thre bells were taken away by Bernharth Duffield.¹

6, 7, 8, 9, To the sixth, seventh, eighth, and nynth Int'rogatories thei answer as to the first and second.

10, 11, 12, 13, To this one William Slocombe² of the same parishe being sworne confesseth that he had in

¹ Bernard Duffield was a servant of Lord Russell's, and in charge of Bedford House, Exeter. Hoker calls him "a man of very good service, practice, and experience," but he seems to have been violent and overbearing in manner. After the raising of the siege, Robert Welsh, the Vicar of St. Thomas, was condemned to death, his execution was entrusted to Duffield, who "caused a pair of gallows to be made and to be set up upon the top of the Tower of the said vicar's parish church of St. Thomas, and all things being ready the vicar was brought to the place, and by a rope about his middle drawn up to the top of the tower, and then in chains hanged in his popish apparel, and having a holy-water bucket, a sprinkle, a sacring bell, a pair of beads, and such other popish trash hanged about him, and there he with the same about him remained a long time" (Jenkyns, *Hist. Exeter*, ed. 1841, p. 119).

Besides the theft of the three bells from St. Sidwell's, Duffield also took a silver cross valued at £27 that had belonged to the parish of Heavitree. His rapacity, however, did not do him much good, for the Heavitree records mention that "the said Duffield nowe remaineth in Ward yn the Kynges Ma^{tie} Bynch for dett," which rendered the recovery of the cross hopeless. Later on he was imprisoned in the Fleet, as appears from an order from the Privy Council to the warden of that prison, written December 4, 1551, to "deliver Duffylde this night unto the Lord Privie Seal" (P.C. Reg. III. 433).

² The procedure in this case gives a good illustration of the way in which church goods disappeared at this time. William Slocum, a parishioner of St. Sidwell's, seems to have taken the silver cross foot and chalice from the church, hoping probably to keep them for his own use, as he probably knew others had done in like circumstances. He had them by him "in keeping" for a time, but thought it wiser to get rid of them when the siege was over, and Lord Russell, the representative of the Privy Council, was about to enter the city. He gave the chalice, therefore, to Richard Lake, either for a definite sum or perhaps on the understanding that its value should be handed over later by the latter, who was doubtless aware that his master, Mr. Anthony Harvey, would be willing to give something for it. In his deposition, however, Lake apparently refused to acknowledge his negotiations with Slocum, and declared that he had captured the chalice from the rebels by means of a proclamation, which perhaps he thought a safer story. The cross foot was delivered to Thomas Chapel, who disposed of it to Mr. John Buller, captain of the East Gate, who may have sent his subordinate, Richard Wallys, to fetch it. Buller was probably familiar with Sir Roger Blewett, through his official duties, which had

keeping the foote of a crosse a fayre foote of silver weying by estimation welnye xl unces and a chalice of silver and gilt weying upon a xx unces which this deponent delivered to Thomas Chapel and the said chalice to Richard Lake¹ servaunt to Mr Anthony Harvey. This deponent affirmeth also yt ye saide fote was taken awaie afterwards by Mr Jhon Buller and Richard Wallys sometime porter at the East Gate. And as farr as this deponent doth know Sir Roger Blewett Knight had it, ffor so the saide Sir Roger Blewett himself confessed to Mr Blackaller and others. Which thing Thomas Chapel of St Stevens parishe also witnessed before ye aforesaide Comissioners when he was deposed.

Alyce Rogers of ye aforesaide parishe of S Sydswells being sworne deposeth yt a crosse of silver, a chalice a shippe a censer and a silver spone as her husband said was taken out of her house by Mr Walter Rawley² John Stowell and Edward Sambertie upon the entrie of the Lord Lieutenant into the citie of Exeter at ye comocion when ye rebelles were fled from ye citie.

John Rydge of St Sidwells being sworne testifieth that he was willed by Mr Rawley and Jhon Stowell to carry ye saide plate downe to ye saide Stowells house, and yt he this deponent saw ye saide crosse ye chalice and

been very likely under the inspection of Sir Roger, who was one of the leaders within the city during the siege.

When the inspection of church goods began, and it was known that inquiry would be made as to all things "alienated, embezilled, or taken away," to quote the words of the Royal Commission, many anxious inquiries must have been made, and it was doubtless then that Sir Roger Blewett admitted possession of the silver to Mayor Blackaller and others. At the actual taking of the Interrogatories, however, Sir Roger was well out of reach, and therefore all the churchwardens could do was to request that the value of the silver might be charged to him as they were "sure yt he had it."

¹ Richard Lake was servant to, i.e. in the service of, Mr. Anthony Harvey, a gentleman who resided at Columb John, near Exeter, and who with other justices had attempted to restrain the first outbreak of the Rebellion at Sampford Courtenay in 1549 (see p. 32).

² Walter Rawley, father of Sir Walter Raleigh, an ardent reformer, was imprisoned by the rebels in the tower of St. Sidwell's Church during the siege, and appears to have availed himself of this opportunity to "convey" some of the church goods to his own use.

ye censor ye same time and yt yr were carried two burdens of stuff whereof ye deponent can not tell what the rest was.

Ye saide John Rydge being come before the Commissioners ye 9 of October doth still affirme his former depositions.

As for ye vestiments of ye saide parishe William Worth being sworne doth testifie yt when the deponent came to Mr Rawley in St Peter's church¹ desyring him yt ye parishe of S Sidwells might have ye best cope of cloth of tissue worth xx mks (*marks*) the said Mr Rawley² answered yt yf it were not cut already for the sparwer³ of a bed they should have it.

Jhon Stowel's⁴ wife, now wedow, named Elizabeth Stowel beinge sworne before ye Commissioners the thirde daye of August 1552 deposeth yt not withstanding the former confession of the saide John Rydge she the saide Elizabeth never sawe nor knewe any such stuff as ye saide Rydge testified to be carried to her late husband's house.

¹ St. Peter's Church, the Cathedral.

² Mr. Rawley's proposed treatment of the cope of tissue which he had acquired is a further illustration of the uses to which ecclesiastical plunder was put at this time. As Froude says of this period, "The halls of country houses were hung with altar-cloths; tables and beds were quilted with copes; the knights and squires drank their claret out of chalices, and watered their horses in marble coffins" (*Hist. of England*, vol. v, p. 458). It is probable, however, that the greater portion of stolen Church property was obtained from the monasteries, the King's Commissioners, in accordance with their instructions, being very careful to trace out and deliver to the authorities all stolen goods that they could recover, and "giving good and substantiall order for the stay of the inordinate and greedy covetousness of such disordered people as have, or shall goe about the alienating of any the premisses" (Instructions to Commissioners). As far as the church and parish were concerned, however, it made little difference whether the goods went to the King or to private individuals—they were lost henceforth to their lawful owners.

³ Sparwer, sparver, a canopy or tester.

⁴ John Stowell was evidently a practised hand at church pillage, for besides the goods here mentioned he took from the church at Dawlish "one crosse of sylver, one sence of sylver, one shippe of silver, two cruettes of sylver, one cope of vellett — taken away yn the comocyon tyme by one John Stowell of Exeter now deceased. His wief a very poure woman, which matter is also reserved to the Kyngs Ma^{ty} Councell" (see Public Record Office, Church Goods, Devon 2/7, et seq.).

(Alys Rogers aforesaide being afore the Commissioners ye sixte day of October affirmeth yt she herself saw not Mr Rawley.¹⁾)

Thomas Coliforde of Colamstoke² testifieth yt when Mr Rawley and he wt ye orsoforers³ being delivered dyd enter into ye citie yr came in one Stoye⁴ of St Sidwell's parishe.

6th October before ye Commissioners ye Bishop, Sir Peter Carew, Mr Thomas Dennys, and Mr Richard Chudleigh.

No^t Yt 7 November Ric. Lake appearing before us for ye saide chalys deposeth and we have good record of the same yt ye saide Ric. serving the King's Matie w'in ye citie of Excester at ye tyme of ye comocion & being destitute at ye ordering of ye citie went out among ye rebels and by virtue of ye proclamation toke ye chalys which he found among them and so would he have done he might have gotten it.

No^t At ye comocion tyme ye church was spoyled of all things movable in a manr save onelie a pix a paten and two cruetts whereof one Bernhard Duffield tok thre awaie wch he hath not restored nor can we tell where to have him.

Item by scearch and inquisition we have found a p'rcell of a cope of tissue lacking ye orphrayes and garnishing thereof wch parcel remayneth in oyr custodie to ye King's use.

As for ye fote of ye crosse yt Sir Roger Blewett had for as much as we cannot come by him o'r humble desyre is yt he may be charged withall and yt it maye be requited of him for we be sure he had it.⁵

¹ Paragraph in parentheses has been erased. ² Culmstock. ³ Officers.

⁴ Stoye, or Stowell, the name is written in both forms, it is a well-known Devonshire surname. The deposition of Thomas Coliforde evidently refers to the release of Walter Rawley and other persons from their imprisonment in the church by the rebels. On this occasion only the depositions were taken before the other county Commissioners, Sir Peter Carew, who had helped to raise the siege of Exeter, Thomas Dennys, of Holcombe Burnel, and Richard Chudleigh, who was sheriff of the county for that year.

⁵ The churchwardens evidently did not dare to interfere with so important a county gentleman as Sir Roger Blewett.

(135) The presentment of Thomas Vallence¹ Vicar of Saynt Sydwylls John Rogers, John Carter, William Chalacott, William Slocombe Wardens and parishioners of the saide pisshe the ix day of April ye thyrde yere of the raigne of our most dradd Sovereyn Lorde King Edward the syxthe and we the forenamed persons present that there ys wⁱⁿ the church of Sent Sedwylls two chalices, one crosse one censer one paxe too cruettis one pyxe foure bells foure payre of vestiments too copes All which foresaide Juelles & others the premises before presented we the Kyngs Commissioners have charged in the Kynges name the saide presenters for the safe keepyng threof subscribed and signed as well wt the hands of the saide Commissioners as wyth the hands of the saide presenters geven the daye & yere above wrytten.

Commissioners

John Fulford.

John Whyddon.

Parishioners

Thomas Valence Vicar.

(Below are the marks of the rest, none of whom seem to have been able to write.)

(156) Oure sertifficate geven unto the Kynges ryght onorable Justices of the Peace in the cettie and Countie of Exeter of all suche goodes belonging unto the church of S. Sydwyll.

Itm that master Walt^r Rawley Esquyre Edward Sambertie gentilman and John Stawyll wt others of there company had all these prcells of oure churche goodes as hereafter doth follow.

Imprimis a crosse by estimacion of lx unces a scepe and a senser and a sponne by estimacion lxxx unces and a chalys of silver and gilt by estimacion xx unces, and half, also they had a coape of cloth of twyssey and a hole swyet of vestiments wt dyvers other sorts of vestiments Alter clothes and ornaments of the churche whyth a paule of blacke velvett wch coste iiij li.

Item a pare of crewetts by estimacion of x unces we have.

¹ Thomas Vallence, or Valens, Vicar of Heavitree, to which St. Sidwell's was a chapel of ease. He was inducted in 1507, and is mentioned in the Valor Ecclesiasticus of Bishop Vesey, 1536, "*Vicaria de Hevytre Thomas Valens, cum capellis Sancti Sativole et Sancti David eidem Vicarie annexis.*"

Item a pixe by estimacion xij unces we make our challis.

Item a challis wch William Slocum delyvered for the Kinges use to be kepte by one Richard Lake at the comocion tyme servaunte to Mr Anthony Harvey wch he doth kepe until yis tyme.

Item a fote of a crosse which the foresaide William Slocum delyvered on to Thomas Chappell the same day that my Lords came into Exeter at the comocion tyme whiche was taken from the saide Thomas by hands of Mastr Buller then Capten of the Eastgate, in the hands of Syr Roger Blewett Knight until this tyme.

Item Willm Balhatchett has a paxe of sylver and gylt of oures.

Item Barnhard Duffield hathe iij belles of oures of xxxiiij hundred waight.

Item another bell beine in or steple x hundred.

Item a bade coppe of blacke velvett we have.

Wardens of the same church

Rich'rd Hutchins.

Will'm Harrys.

(*On the back*) ye challis wt ye paten wayeth xv unces & half. ij cruetts x uns and a half.

This church was spoyled at ye comocion tyme.

INVENTORY ROUGH DRAFT. The dewe and iust Inventory etc of ye parishe of St Sidwell's etc.

Plate.

Item two silver crewetts waying x unces and a halfe.

Item a bad cope of black velvet.

No^t yt over and beside ye saide cruetts & ye cope we have left in ye saide church for ye necessary mynistracions thereof one bell waying ix cwt by estimacion.

Item a pixe of silver which yei use for a challis or cupp wt ye paten for ye same waying both together xv uns & a half.

The churchwardens or churchmen charged herew^t are too.

William Harrys.

Richard Hutchins.

No^t yt concerning ys pishe we have in or certificate made mention of Bernhart Duffield yt had bells xxxiiij c waight

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by estimacion, of ye cloth of tissue we gat out of Mr Rawleys hands, of ye fote of a silver crosse waying xl unces by estimacion yt Sir Roger Blewett had.

St Stephen.

DOCUMENTS. Interrogatory (17) List of goods ¹ (140) Another list, with a duplicate (141, 142) Inventory, fair copy (71 143).

INTERROGATORY. The daie and year above saide [com]missioners Richard Betty warden of St Stevens within ye citie and countie [bring] ing in an inventory and answering to as foloweth.

1, 2, To this he deposeth yt this is a true Inventory and yt thei neither have other neither was there other ys many years save onelie one old Inventory which was torn two years agoo and conteyned no more than this doth.

3, 4, To this he saith yt thei have no more save one silver chalice of xv unces neither moo vestiments than their bill maketh mention of.

5. To this he saith yt thei have thre bells.

6, 7, 8, 9, To yse he answereth as to ye first and second Interrogatory.

10, 11, 12, 13. To yse he saith yt out of their church the last year was delyvered to the city for the use of the haven as appeareth by an indenture between them a pax and a pyx of silver wayeng xvj unces, a pyx of silver wt other broken silver wayeng xj unces, and half.

Summa xxvij unces, and half.

14 To this he answereth as to ye thirde Interrogatory.

The summe of the plate yt ye citie borrowed here is xxvij unces and a half.

(141) *Parochia Sancti Stephani civitatis Exon.*

Hac indentura facta xxvj^{to} die Augusti Anno regni Domini Regis nunc Edwardi sexti sexto inter Reveren-

¹ The list 140 is headed "In ecc s^{cti} Stephani An^o Dⁿⁱ 1552^o et regis Edwardi s^o an^o s^o."

dum in Christo Dominum Myloneum permissione divina Exon[iensem] Epis[copum] Willhelmum Hurst maiorem civitatis predicte, Thomam Prestwode et Johannem Mydwynter aldermanos ejusdem civitatis Commissionarios domini Regis ex una parte et parochianos parochie predicte ex altera parte. Testatur quod predicti commissionarii Domini Regis eis directe commiserunt eisdem parochianis custodes bonorum et ornamentorum ecclesie parochialis predicte pervenerunt cogniti.

Imprimis a red sylke vestyment wt Deacon and Subdeacon.

Itm x other vestymments wt x albes and v amysse.

Itm iiij corporas cases and ij kerchyfes.

Itm v other altar clothes and ij payre of courtaynes.

Itm a cope of velvet and two canopies.

Itm iiij table clothes and ij towels.

Itm a chalyce waying xv unces.

Itm iiij belles in the tower wt theyre ropes.

Itm a chalice waying by estimacion xv unces was taken from the clarke of the saide paryshe yn the comocion tyme after the intering of the Right honourable John Erle of Bedford leutenant of the Kyngs majesties armye yn the west parte by a Walsheman who came ynto the church and robbed the saide clarke yn the same church at the same tyme.

The parcels of plate hereafter missing was by the whole assent of the saide paryshioners given to the mayre and hys bretheren of the saide citie to be sold and ymployed upon the haven of Exe considering there great necessitie and helpe towards the working of the saide haven as yt appeareth by an indenture thereof made between them.

Imprimis a pax and a pix of silver waying xvj unces.

Itm a pix of silver and other broken silver waying xj unces and a half.

xxvij unces and a half.

INVENTORY FAIR DRAFT. The dewe and iust Inventory of the goods jewels plate vestiments bells and ornāments of the church of Saint Stephen in the cittie of Excester indented and made upon the view and survey of the Right Rev^d Father in God Myles busshope of Excester William

Hurst, Thomas Prestwoode and John Mydwinter aldermen of the saide cittie by virtue of commission of our most dradd sovereign lord King Edward the Sixte to them and others in their behalfe indented the sixte year of his Majesties most pp'rous reign.

Imprimis twoo bells $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1 \text{ waying} \\ 2 \end{array} \right. \begin{array}{l} \text{iiijcwt} \\ \text{iiijcwt} \end{array} \left. \right\} \text{Sum vij cwt by} \\ \text{estimacion.}$

Vestiments and other things.

Imprimis a sute of redd silk w^t the appurtenances.

Item a vestiment of white damaske.

Item a vestiment of white and grene.

Item an old grene vestiment.

Item one of old dormy.

Item one of orange tawny bridge sattyn.

Item iiij fronts of bridge sattyn yallow and grene.

Item an old vestiment of yallow silke.

Item iiij corporas cases w^t two kercheifs.

Item a front of black and yallow velvett.

Item ij curtaynes of silke ij of buckeram and ij of saye.

Item ij towels of lynnyn.

Item x albes and five amices.

Item iiij other old vestiments.

No^t that over and besides these ornaments above written we have left in the church of St Stephen for the necessary mynystracions thereof these parcels folowing That is to saie one bell waying five hundred waight by estimacion, item one chalice parcel gilt waying xv unces, item ix table clothes, item ij surples, item a fayre pall of black velvett wt flowers of gold for the dedd coarse.

Myles Exon. William Hurst. Thomas Prestwode.
John Mydwinter.

(The statement regarding the plate lent to the city is repeated on the back of this document.)

Trinity.

DOCUMENTS. Interrogatory (6) List of goods (144)
Another list of goods (145) Inventory rough draft (147)
Inventory fair copy (149).

Trynitie Paryshe.

INTERROGATORY. The daie and year above saide came before ye Commisioners at ye Palace of Exeter ye wardeyns of Trynitie paryshe namelie John Grene and John Germayne bringing in their Inventory and answering to ye first Interrogatory as foloweth.

1 To the first thei answer yt that which thei bring in is ye true Inventory of all their church goods.

2 To ye second thei saye yt yse dosan¹ yeares yr was no Inventory of ye parishe but yse deponents wold take no charge of ye office unlesse thei had an Inventory and so ye p'sone² & iiij more agreed to make an Inventory.

3, 4, To these thei saye yt here in their Inventory it is mentioned what plate vestiments & other things thei have.

5 To this thei saye yt thei have thre belles.

6, 7, 8, 9, To this thei depose yt thei never knew of oyr Inventory.

10, 11, 12, 13, To these thei answer yt of their church goods plate &c yr is nothing mynished or removed.

14 To this thei depose yt the value of their church plate is one hundred fiftie and thre unces and thre quarters.

(72, 144) The paryshe of the trynitie yn Exeter.

The inventory of all the church goods jewels plate vestiments copes bells and other ornaments &c pertayning and belonging unto the paryshe of the trynitie.

Imprimis a cope of crymsin velvet.³

It a payr of vestiments off crymsin velvet.

It a suett of vestiments wt a cope of the same of tyssue.

It 9 corporas cases and vij fyne kerchyffs.

It a black vestymment of satyn of bridge.

It ij payr of vestiments of whytte satyn.

It a payr of whytte fustian.

It a payr of olde vestymments.

It ij vestymments without albes.

It iiij hangings before the awlter of satyn of bridge grene

¹ Dozen.

² Parson.

³ In the following list this cope is mentioned as having "two studds," and a note added that the silver buttons are returned with the plate.

and yawlow with ij courtaynes of sarscennett of the same colour and hangings above of the same colour satyn.

It iij old surples and ij rochets for ij clarkes.

It xj awlter clothes one of them diaper.

It a pall of black velvet with another old pall of sylke.

It iij towels one of them diaper.

It a lent cloth with the cloth & hangings.

It ffoure other paynted clothes wt the baners & iij streamers.

It in ye tower iij belles.

It a payre of laton candlesticks for tapers.

The Plate.

It a crosse of silver and gylt lxxvij unces.

It a chalys gylted ix unces iij qrts.

It a chalys parcel gylted xij unces & quarter.

It a senser of sylver xxvij unces.

It a shyppe of sylver wt a spone yn sum xv unces.

It a pax of sylver gylted iij unces.

It a pix of sylver vij unces iij qrts.

Sum of the waight of the plate vij cwt iij unces iij qrts.

INVENTORY ROUGH DRAFT. The dewe and iust Inventory yndented and made of ye goods jewels plate vestiments and other ornaments of ye Trinitie church wth ye citie and countie of Excestre upon ye view and survey of the Com^{ss}ioners taken there in the sixte year of ye Raigne of or Sovraigne Lord King Edward the sixte etc.

Imprimis thre bells waying	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1 \text{ v cwt} \\ 2 \text{ iij cwt} \\ 3 \text{ iij cwt} \end{array} \right\}$	Sum xij cwt by estimacion.
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Plate.

Item a crosse of silver and gilt with a crucifix and Mary & John lxxvij unces.

Item a silver censer parcel gilt xxvij unces.

Item a chalys gilt ix unces thre qrts.

Item a silver ship with a spone prcell gilt xv unces.

Item a pix of silver vij unces and half.

Item a pax of silver iiij unces.

x Item another chalys prcell gilt xij unces and a qtr.

Sum vij cwt two uns & one qtr.

No' yt over and besides ye saide plate and ornaments we have left in ye above named church of ye Trynitie for ye necessary mynistracions thereof yse things following yt is to saie one bell in ye steple being of vij cwt waight Item a chalys parcel gilt xij unces and one quarter, a pall of black velvet for ye coarse eleven table clothes whereof one is diaper Item one surples.

Vestiments and other things.

x Item a fayre pall of black velvet with a red cross and tres of gold.

Itm a vestiment of white damaske wt ye albe.

Itm a vestiment of white bridge satyn wt ye albe.

Itm a vestiment of crymzin velvet wt the albe.

Itm a vestiment of old silke wt the albe.

Itm a vestiment of white fustian.

Itm a cope of crymzin velvet wt two silver buttons gilt.

Itm a sute of vestiments of tissue wt a cope of the same.

Itm a vestiment of black bridge satyn wt ye albe.

Itm two old vestiments wtout albes.

Itm eleven table clothes whereof one is diaper.

Itm thre towels whereof one is diaper.

Itm foure fronts of bridge satyn.

Itm two curtaynes of buckram.

Itm nyn corporas cases wt seven kerchyfes.

x Itm one surples.

Itm two curtaynes of bridge satyn.

Itm a baner and a streamer.

Itm a litel payre of organes.

Itm two candelsticks of laton.

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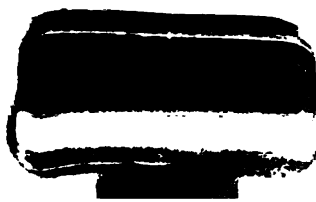
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